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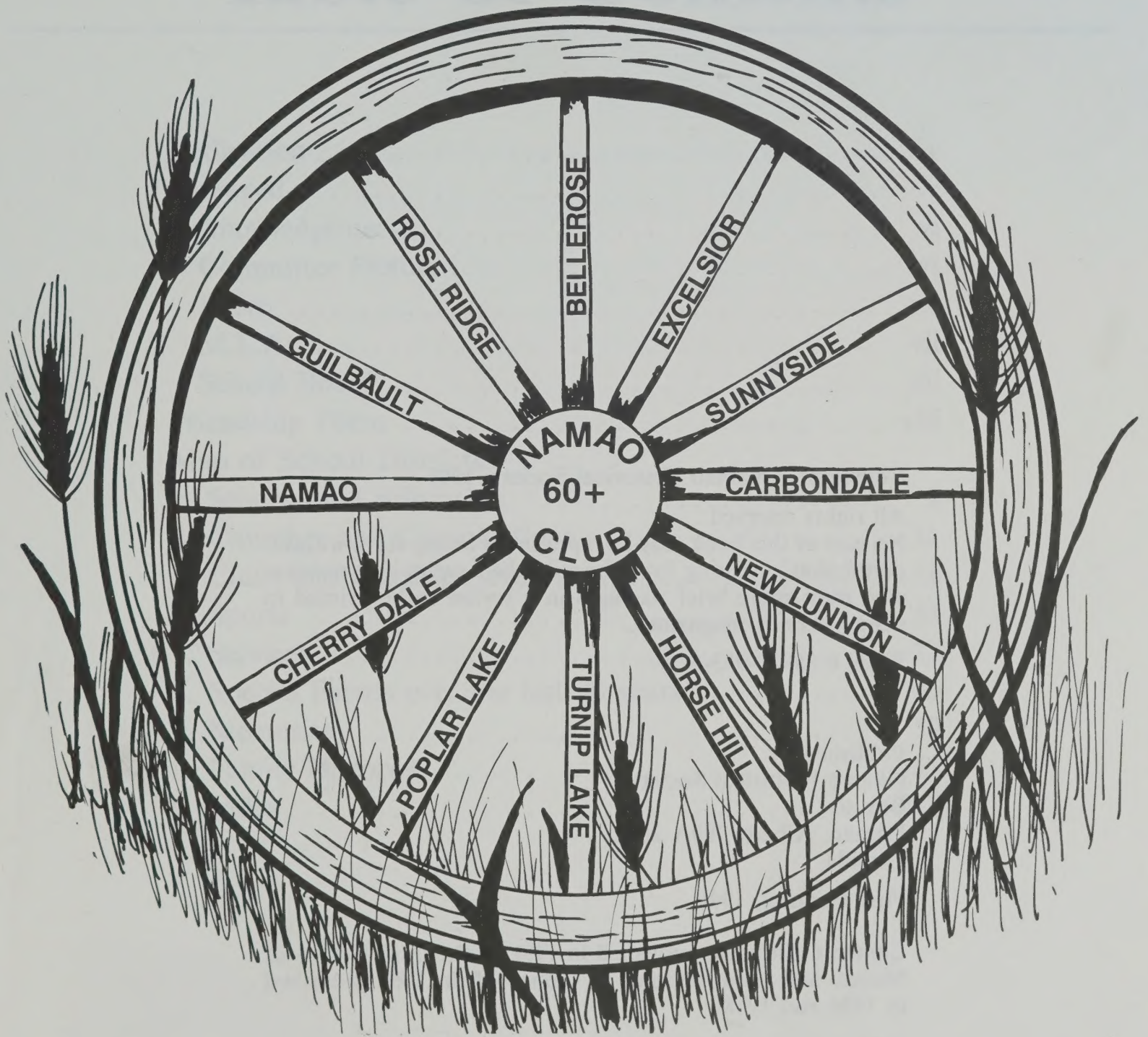


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Dedication

This book “Cameo Continues” is dedicated to:

- The first pioneers who set the ground work for our heritage.
- The present generation who work and support our growth and success.
- The future generation who will continue to build on this inheritance for future progress.

Foreword

For several years a small group of seniors have worked together, to the best of their ability, to update the history "Cameo of the West" compiled by Bertha M. Speers in 1968.

The Namao Historical Committee truly hopes that the information presented is accurate. Although errors may occur, none were intentional, and if so, we apologize and hope you understand. There are some families who could not be contacted and others who did not respond.

Some of our history stories go back beyond the last twenty five years. They are either corrections, or were inadvertently missed in the "Cameo of the West".

Sincere thanks are extended to all those who helped in any way, because of your efforts, the history of our area continues to be recorded.

Acknowledgements

The Namao Historical Committee wishes to gratefully acknowledge the assistance and support given by a few people whose interest spurred us on to up-date the history of Namao and surrounding area.

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Jack Speers

Dianne Gibson

Margaret Davis

Gladys McLay



Book Committee. Back Row, L-R: Cliff Crozier, Harold Clapp and Bruce Porter. Middle Row, L-R: Maxine LeClair, Margaret Davis and Dianne Gibson. Front Row, L-R: Jack Speers, Gladys McLay, Rita Crozier and Ella Coburn.



Rob Rohac of Friesen Printers.

We would like to thank Friesen Printers and a special thank you to Rob Rohac for his guidance and patience he showed us

Dear Friends:

To the many residents who kept record of the past before it was lost. To allow the future generation a bit of history of your community, and for having taken the time to put it in print. The people of Namao and area should be extremely proud.

Frank Schoenberger
Reeve

Dear Friends:

My congratulations and appreciation to the committee of volunteers that have put together this very valuable addition to the Namao history.

If it is accepted that there cannot be a country or a culture without a history, I think it has to be accepted that there cannot be in a sense a community without a knowledge of one's history. To that end, your committee deserves the thanks of all of us in the community for helping remind us of what it took to build what we have now.

All the more to value it and retain it into the future.

Sincerely,
Nick Taylor



Peter Zuidema

Message from local School Trustee Peter Zuidema

Dear Friends,

As your local representative on the Board of Trustees of the Sturgeon School Division, I am greatly honoured to have the opportunity to express my sincere congratulations to you, the members of the Namao Historical Committee and all other volunteers, for your remarkable undertaking of compiling and updating a recent history book of the Namao area and surrounding districts, "Cameo Continues".

For over one hundred years, the schools have played a vital role in molding our communities. From the "little red school house" to our modern schools, the quality of education keeps growing, enabling us to fulfill our goals and belief "that each individual is unique and deserving of respect, identity, and the right to develop towards the fulfillment of his or her potential".

My sincere thanks to all for developing this precious document that will bring back enjoyable memories and help our future generation to better understand and value their heritage.

With grateful appreciation and cordial wishes,

Peter Zuidema

FRIENDSHIP

As the months go by, another year ends.
One's thoughts linger over cherished friends.
Too often though, they are seldom near.
The price of friendship is very dear.
That is why in life, every fleeting day,
One should be cautious of what they say.
A hasty word can a message send.
And hurt the feelings of a good friend.
Each day should be used to do a good turn,
And remember, you're never too old to learn.
A good friend's views may not be right,
But on the other hand, they just might.
So cherish your friends, afar or near.
The price of friendship is very dear.

Jack G. Mackay

Schools and Education

NOSTALGIA

Dear Mothers and Fathers
I'm sure you'll recall
How little red school days
Were the best days of all.
No lunch kit was needed —
A lard pail was fine;
And you all sat together — In grades one to nine.
Remember the stove that you
all crowded near,
It beat modern heating,
And gave out such cheer.

No trouble was had with the
plumbing at all,
You shovelled a path after
every snow fall.
Remember the concerts when
gas lamps grew dim —
Remember the picnics, and
the races to win!
Oh, this school's a beauty,
People say its "real cool";
But we just can't forget
"That little red school".



Horse Hill School, 1930.

Horse Hill School. The first class held in the Horse Hill area was in 1890 in a house on Mr. Broder's farm. The first real school was a log one built in 1894 forming the Horse Hill School District No. 266. The second school building of brick was built in 1903. In 1948 progress was made — a new two-roomed school was built. Another school opened in 1954 and additions in 1970. The final chapter as a rural school came to a conclusion on June 30, 1982 through annexation to the City of Edmonton.



Poplar Lake School. Poplar Lake School was built April 19, 1890 and given the number 185. The familiar red brick school house was built on property that was owned by Mr. Shand. In 1939, the Poplar Lake School District was constituted into Subdivision No. 3 of the Sturgeon School Division No. 24. The doors of the little red brick schoolhouse closed in 1941 and tenders were put out to dispose of the buildings. The new Poplar Lake School or rather the "third" school was erected and completed by September 17, 1941, at a cost of seventy-five hundred dollars. It was built on the SW 2-54-24 W4, three miles north of the Fort Trail. Due to the controversy over the boundary limits of the County of Sturgeon and the Edmonton and Separate Schools, the doors of the Poplar Lake School closed for good in June of 1962, with some students going to Edmonton and some to Namao and Horse Hill.



Carbondale School. In February of 1937, the Carbondale School District No. 4767 was established, taking some land from the Namao, Rose Ridge and Excelsior districts. The school was situated on top of the hill on the NE 8-55-24 W4 on a two-acre site. The Carbondale School was closed in the 1940s, and the students were bused to Namao.



Namao School. The Sturgeon School District No. 24 (the name was changed to Namao in 1927 as there were too many organizations named "Sturgeon" and it was confusing), was established on March 28, 1885. After the divisional board took over the management of schools in 1939, Namao was considered a central point for consolidation serving 8 small districts. In 1974 Special Education classes were centralized at Namao for students throughout the Sturgeon School Division.



Cherrydale School. The Cherrydale School District No. 3968 was established in 1914 when the Turnip Lake School District was split. The boundaries were set at one half mile west of 82 Street, one half mile east of 66 Street, along 137 Avenue on the south and along the boundary line between Townships 53 and 54 on the north. In the late 1930s, the school was closed and the children went to Poplar Lake until 1962, at which time they were bused to Horse Hill School. Cherrydale School in 1918



Sunnyside School. On February 28, 1894, residents of Sunnyside were granted a charter for the Sunnyside School District No. 305. The government had granted the Anglican Synod 40 acres of land on the NE 1-55-24 W4. The Sunnyside residents made an agreement with the Anglicans whereby they would build a log building for a church if they could use it for a school until they could afford to build a school. After the log building was destroyed by fire in 1898, a frame building was erected on the southeast corner of Section 13. In 1947, the school closed and the students were bused to Namao.



New Lunnon School. On October 23, 1893, the New Lunnon School District No. 294 was established. In 1907 the school and out buildings were erected on the SE corner of 32-55-23 W4 and later changed to the NW 33-55-23 W4. In 1946 New Lunnon School along with the other one-roomed schools were closed and the children were bused to the centralized school at Gibbons.



Excelsior School. Frank McKittrick named this small community Excelsior, which means "Onward". The Excelsior Protestant Public School No. 427 was established on July 2, 1896. School was held in the home of Albert Putnam. In 1900 a frame school was built on the north line of Section 27. On January 3, 1939, the Excelsior School District was constituted into the Sturgeon School Division. In 1947, the students were bused to Namao, and the school closed.

NAMAOSCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 24

The Sturgeon Protestant Public School District No. 24 was formed in 1885. The name Sturgeon was later changed to Namao as there were too many organizations named Sturgeon and it was confusing. The school sessions were held in the church building until 1896 when the first frame school was built. The first Board of Trustees consisted of Mr. D. B. Wilson, Mr. David Craig and Mr. George Sutherland, the latter acting as Secretary-Treasurer for the District. The first teacher was Mrs. Ingles.

In those days there were no grades as there are today. The advancements were called Standards and were from Standards 1 to 5 in the single room Namao School. That form of grading students changed about 1909. From what I understand, Standards 1 to 5 were the equivalent of grades 1 to 8. From Standard 8 one would go to university.

The Namao School built in 1896 was added to in 1908. The addition consisted of renovating the north end of the school and adding 12 feet more to the one room, and digging a furnace room under the southeast corner of the school. A brick chimney was built to go along with the furnace. The furnace room was just a hole in the ground big enough for the furnace and a coal bin. As cement had not been invented, the furnace room was formed with a brick mortar perimeter.

In 1918 a two roomed brick faced school was built. There were seventy-six pupils from grades 1 to 10 when the school was opened. Grade 11 was



Guilbault School. On January 25, 1913, the Guilbault School District No. 2885 was established. The site chosen was about two acres on the SW 27-54-25 W4 on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Guilbault. The sum of one thousand dollars was borrowed for the purpose of erecting the school building. The senior trustee was Arthur Guilbault and the secretary treasurer was Napoleon Poirier. The Guilbault School District was constituted in the Sturgeon School Division No. 24 on January 3, 1939. The students were later bused to St. Albert. The school house was sold in 1949 and moved to St. Albert.

added later. The teachers who were hired for the new school were Miss Mary Bell, Principal in the Senior Room with thirty pupils in grade 6 to 10, and Miss Bertha Samis in the Junior Room with forty-six children from grades 1 to 5. She tells me there were twelve beginners.

After the Divisional Board took over the management of schools in 1939, Namao was considered a central point for consolidation. In 1947 a two roomed stucco building made it possible for several of the surrounding districts to close their schools and bus the pupils to Namao. In 1951 two more rooms and a play room were added on to the stucco school, and in 1956 a further two roomed addition was made. In 1959 Namao acquired a new school with a gymnasium and modern equipment. The familiar landmark, the brick school, was demolished after serving the district for forty-one years. An addition in 1970 ad-



Poplar Lake School.

ded a new administrative area, a library and five classrooms.

In 1974 centralization of the Division's Special Education classes was undertaken at Namao. As the number of classes grew and specialized facilities were required, a large number of portable classrooms were put into use. Eventually in 1985, an official opening was held for another building addition, which included a relocated library, new classrooms, a kindergarten room, a music room and specialized laboratories for Home Economics, Industrial Arts, and computer instruction. The "White School" building was destroyed in a controlled fire by the local volunteer fire department.

Thus the Namao School has grown from one room in 1885 to the centralized school serving eight former districts.

Recollections of Namao School

Whenever children go to school, there are always a lot of what one might call shenanigans. Soon after the Brick School was built and a barn was on the grounds, the older boys were given an ultimatum by the teacher, clean the barn out! As they hadn't done it for quite a long time, and it was winter, the manure was frozen. The thought of chopping it out seemed to be a lot of work, so some of the boys had the bright idea of using some stumping powder to loosen it. Well, to make a long story short, one of the boys brought the powder.

They gave it a try. From all accounts it did the trick, but a lot of manure came out of the cracks and a lot of shingles came off the roof.

When I went to school there were no buses. We drove horses with buggies, sleighs or carts, rode horseback, rode bicycles or walked. Rides from passing motorists or truckers were welcomed. Sometimes we could catch trucks on the fly as they went by. If it was on the fly, you had to get off the same way. If you didn't get your feet going fast enough, you could end up in a hair-raising or skin-losing accident.



Rose Ridge School. The Rose Ridge Roman Catholic School District No. 45 was established April 7, 1896. Patrick T. Flynn, James Jenkins and William Kieser were the first trustees. In December 1896 they borrowed Five Hundred Dollars to build and furnish a log school, located on the northwest corner of 1-55-25 W4. This log building was replaced by a frame, one-roomed school in 1910. On January 3, 1939, Rose Ridge School District No. 45 was constituted into the Sturgeon School Division and into Subdivision No. 3. The school closed in 1948.



Turnip Lake School. The Turnip Lake District was settled as early as 1880, but the children in this area went to Belmont School situated on 50 Street and 137 Avenue until 1895. When the school population had grown enough to warrant it, a school was built on 97 Street just north of 144 Avenue. The district stretched from Rat Creek on about 110 Avenue to the present Namao airport. When the Turnip Lake School District joined the Sturgeon School Division in January 1939, a new two-room school was built on the northwest corner of the present Griesbach land where the Castledown Village Shopping Centre is now located. In 1958, a bus route was established for the Turnip Lake district and the high school students were bused to Namao. In 1960, with the new school at Namao, Turnip Lake completed the centralization of their students.

For as many years as I went to school, every Halloween saw the strap, a punishment-metering piece of equipment applied to the palms of the hands, go missing. When the Brick School was demolished, there were twelve straps found under the front steps. A student would also help to celebrate Halloween by taking the bell, a small hand held device used to call students to class, and putting it on the school flag pole. The flag pole on the Brick School topped the belfry, which was accessed by going into the science lab, going around the dome and shinnying up the flag pole. Quite a feat I would say! I never knew how it was retrieved.



Bellerose School. On May 5, 1885 the Bellerose Roman Catholic School District No. 6 was formed. A log school was built on the farm of Octave Bellerose, who lived on a river lot on the north river road from Namao to St. Albert. Due to extreme spring flooding and for easier access, a frame school was later built on the south side of the river, close to what is now 127 Street and 195 Avenue. Boundaries changed and in 1930 the district was changed to Bellerose School District No. 25. On January 3, 1939, the district was constituted into the Sturgeon School Division, and the students were bused to Namao or St. Albert.

HISTORY OF NAMA O SCHOOLS

Principals' Names and Dates:

William Tanasiuk 1952-1974
 Alex Letts 1974-Jan., 1980
 Adrian Boddez Feb., 1980-June, 1980
 Gerald Schick 1980-1985
 Gene Honish 1985-1986
 Kenneth Schneider 1986-

Total Class Enrolments (September):

1970 — 357
 1971 — 243 reflects Edmonton annexation of part of Namao attendance area
 1972 — 231
 1973 — 251
 1974 — 393 newly established ECS and newly centralized special education classes
 1975 — 359
 1976 — 435
 1977 — 432
 1978 — 466
 1979 — 465
 1980 — 429

1981 — 438
 1982 — 461
 1983 — 443 Edmonton annexation
 1984 — 422
 1985 — 421
 1986 — 422
 1987 — 406
 1988 — 538 reflects inclusion of Cardiff area and Cardiff Echoes in Namao attendance area
 1989 — 514

Data Processing Technology Program policy was approved by the Board in July, 1984. This policy arose as a result of the school system's need to familiarize students with computers and data processing technology. Computers had begun to appear in schools in the years preceding this policy.

September, 1966 — Namao High School students moved to Edmonton (Victoria Composite and St. Joseph's).

September, 1977 — Sturgeon students returned to the newly constructed Sturgeon Composite High School.

Between the years 1969-1979, the following programs were set up under the auspices of the Director of Special Services:

1969 — Educably Mentally Handicapped (EMH)
 1973 — Resource Room
 1974 — Early Childhood Services (ECS)
 1974 — Improvement Program (IP) (centralized at Namao)

1978 — Special Help Program

1979 — Academic Occupational Program (AO)

The EMH program was centralized at Namao in 1974. Classes previously operated at several centres including Gibbons, Horse Hill and Namao.

MR. WILLIAM TANASIUK

Mr. Tanasiuk graduated from the Camrose Normal School in 1935. His first teaching assignment in Sturgeon was in Moose Hill School in 1942. After returning from the Air Force in 1945, he spent three more years at Moose Hill. He then returned to the University of Alberta to obtain his B.Ed.

In 1952 he came to Namao as principal, where he remained until 1974. During these years Bill was active in the ATA. He presented a brief to the Alberta Legislature supporting continuation of teachers' conventions. He worked on the Convention Board for many years and participated in the festivals and track meets annually.

Mr. Tanasiuk continued his studies, obtaining

his Bachelor of Arts and then Master of Education degrees.

On retiring as school principal, Bill spent three years at Central Office as Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel.

Mr. Tanasiuk was concerned about the whole child and the spiritual as well as intellectual and emotional well-being.

STURGEON COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL

Prior to September 1, 1966, Sturgeon School Division provided high school services to students in several grade 1-12 schools in the system. Although the high school sections of each of these schools tended to be quite small, and programs offered were somewhat limited, students received an excellent education in the closely monitored, intimate surroundings that prevailed in the small school setting.

Because of the declining enrollments and the need to offer a more comprehensive program, the high schools were gradually closed and students were bussed to schools in the City of Edmonton and to the Town of St. Albert. The last remaining high school, Bon Accord, was closed in 1970. Sturgeon School Division offered classes only to students in grades 1 through 9, and provided transportation to those students who attended high school. Generally, parents and students were quite satisfied with the level of service provided, and Sturgeon continued to purchase educational services for its high school students for many years.

It is difficult to know just where and when the idea to build a high school and repatriate students arose, but certainly long bus rides for students and the lack of parental input into the management of the school systems used, were factors prompting the change. Sturgeon School Board members were faced with establishing a location for the new school. After a great deal of discussion and debate with the various communities that comprised the Division, the Namao site was selected, primarily because it was close to the demographic centre of the system, and because of the availability of utilities.

In January of 1964, an architect was commissioned to design a building capable of providing approximately seven hundred and fifty students with academic as well as vocational programs. Construction began in November of 1976, leaving the general contractor, Bird Construction, ten

months to complete the 85,666 square foot, four and a half million dollar building.

Many innovative features were incorporated into the design. A cafeteria (the first in Sturgeon), five vocational shops, two greenhouse areas, the use of skylights to provide a great deal of natural light, and a large central library were some of the more prominent characteristics.

In June of 1976, a principal, vice-principal, teacher/librarian and secretary were employed and were directed to carry out all steps necessary to open the school in September of 1977 for all grade 10, 11 and 12 students who lived in the school jurisdiction.

During the year provided, all equipment and supplies were purchased, over forty staff were hired and programs were planned. The administrators met with each school community in the Division, and visited the Edmonton and St. Albert schools to talk to prospective grade 11 and 12 students.

The school opened in the fall of 1977 with approximately two-thirds of the building complete. Workmen and students mixed, as each went about their separate purposes. Over one hundred more students than anticipated enrolled at the school and quickly allayed fears that students would not return from their former schools. The initial five months of operation were fraught with all kinds of problems, ranging from mechanical difficulties to staff and student adjustment problems and parental concerns. It soon became apparent that the students, who had come from over fifteen different schools, would require some time to adjust to the new setting and to be prepared to call this new school "home". However, by the end of semester one, in February, 1978, the school had begun to develop an identity and there was evidence of the growth of a school spirit.

Since its opening, the school has undergone two major expansion phases, at one time serving over nine hundred students. Currently some eight hundred and fifty students attend and programs offered are comprehensive and serve the needs of the students very well.

It takes time and effort to develop a proper school climate, where students are happy and productive and develop a strong allegiance to the institution. It depends largely on an atmosphere of trust among parents, trustees, staff and students, and comes only after many years of listening, communicating, resolving, compromising, caring and striving of all parties concerned.

Thanks to: Tony Taylor, Jerry Schick, Dorothy Tanasiuk, Sandra Mullen.

STURGEON COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL

Principals' Names and Dates:

Anthony Taylor — 1976-1977 (Preparation Year — Purchasing and Placement of Equipment, Hiring Staff, etc.)

— 1977-May, 1978

William MacDonald — May, 1978-June 1979

Norval Horner — September, 1979-

Total Class Enrolments (September):

1977 — 712

1978 — 872

1979 — 891

1980 — 897

1981 — 901

1982 — 835

1983 — 880

1984 — 818

1985 — 832

1986 — 893

1987 — 868

1988 — 872

1989 — 871

NAMAO "FIRSTS"

— first school in Sturgeon to hold Parent-Teacher Interviews

— first book rental for high school students

— first school in Sturgeon to have a guidance counsellor (Mrs. Tanasiuk, 1957-1958)

— first Career Night (1957-1958)

— first time a teacher representative was invited to sit on the Provincial Advisory Board for Junior Red Cross. Mrs. Tanasiuk represented the elementary students of the province, serving from 1953 to 1975.

— 1970s: Sturgeon School Division received an Encyclopedia Britannica award for excellence in rural school library services.

— first Ice Carnival — 1958 — Carnival Queen was Mavis Thompson

FACTS

— Music Festivals — the first Music Festival was held in Morinville in 1949. They were discontinued in 1977.

— Turnip Lake became part of the Namao attendance area in 1960, and was annexed to Edmonton in 1971. Further annexation in 1983.

— 1966 high school classes at Namao ceased. Students attended Edmonton schools, St. Joseph's, Victoria and later M.E. LaZerte.

— White School last used in 1984-85.

— 100th anniversary celebrated in March of 1986, with the school open for viewing, and meeting rooms designated for various "grad" years. Attendance was excellent, and many former students and staff enjoyed catching up on old times over coffee all afternoon, and at a dance in the evening.

— Kindergarten (ECS) established in 1974.

— Additions to the present brick school: east wing — 1970, north wing — 1984.

NAMAO SCHOOL ENROLMENTS BOAST 17 OF CROZIER CLAN

by Gerald Rothe

Excerpt from The Journal, June, 1964

It was bound to happen.

And this year it did.

Seventeen children surnamed Crozier are enrolled at Namao Elementary and senior high schools. A representative of the family is in every grade from one to twelve.



Top: Grade — 12 — Marilyn, 11 — Allan, 10 — Lenard, 9 — Judy, 8 — Ronald, 7 — Pamela, 6 — Kenny, 5 — Douglas, 4 — Jimmy, 3 — Leslie, 2 — Irene, 1 — Karen.

All the children, eight girls and nine boys, are the offspring of six Crozier families, descendants of three brothers, Lloyd, John and Ken, who settled in the Namao district in 1898.

Although a modern central high school replaces the original school building, Namao has been the home school of Crozier children for more than 60 years.

KNOWS THEM ALL

W. G. Tanasiuk, principal of the Namao school, knows all the children and their parents well, and as he continues his 12 year career at the school, will eventually have taught quite a number of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Crozier are great grandparents to five of the children and brought a special honor to the families in 1960, when they were named the Master Farm Family of Alberta.

All of the six Crozier families living in the Namao district are engaged in farming and have the same postal address.

Crozier children attending the Namao elementary and senior high school this year include: Marilyn, 18, Grade 12; Allan, 16, Grade 11; Lenard and Tom, 15, Grade 10; Judy, 14, Grade 9; Carol and Ronald, 13, Grade 8; Pamela, 12, Grade 7; Kenny, 11 and Bob, 12, Grade 6; Colleen Lee and Douglas, 10, Grade 5; Jimmy, 10, Grade 4; Leslie, 8, Grade 3; Irene and Janice, 8, Grade 2; and Karen, 7, Grade 1.

NAMAO NURSERY SCHOOL

The Namao Nursery School received its Certificate of Incorporation on June 30, 1972. The original executive of the school was as follows:

President: Kathy Gough

Vice-President: Anne Maxfield

Secretary-Treasurer: Margaret Nelsen

Roster Co-ordinator: Tina Eppinga

Program Co-ordinator: Rita Crozier

Handicraft Co-ordinator: Jean Monaghan

The Nursery School held its classes in the Namao Elementary School until 1978, when it moved to the upstairs of the Namao Community Hall. The Namao Community Agricultural Society included a Nursery school room in its plans for the renovations of the hall and basement. In September 1987, after much volunteer work, the children had their first class in their new room. The Namao Nursery School continues to operate in the playroom in the basement of Namao Community Hall.

EXECUTIVE OF THE NAMAO NURSERY SCHOOL

1972-73

President — Kathy Gough

Vice-President — Anne Maxfield

Secretary-Treasurer — Margaret Nelsen

Roster Co-ordinator — Tina Eppinga

Program Co-ordinator — Rita Crozier

Handicraft Co-ordinator — Jean Monaghan

1973-74

President — Rita Crozier

Vice-President — Mrs. Lu Nuckles

Sec. Treas. — Margaret Nelsen

Community League Rep. — Kathy Gough

Program Co-ordinator — Janet Reed

Roster Co-ordinator — Pat Boonstra & Sandra Hlus

1974-75

President — Anne Maxfield

Vice-President — Kathy Gough

Secretary-Treasurer — Jan Powell

Community League Representative — Judy Keen

Program Co-ordinator — Helen McMillan

Roster Co-ordinator — Tina Eppinga

Supply Co-ordinator — Norma Lorenson

1975-76

President — Nettie Cameron

Vice-President — Sandra Hlus

Secretary-Treasurer — Faye Rye

Community League Co-ordinator — Pat Jepsen

Program Co-ordinator — Leah Luykunaar

Roster Co-ordinator — Dianne Gibson

Supply Co-ordinator — Mrs. L. Black

1976-77

President — Gwen Koch

Vice-President — Esther Phair

Secretary-Treasurer — Muriel White

Roster Co-ordinator — Alorie Owen

Community League Co-ordinator — Colleen Moran

Supply Co-ordinator — Karen Wing

Program Co-ordinator — L. Lungal

1977-78

President — Clynda Tomanek

Vice-President — Lorraine Poeckens

Secretary-Treasurer — Faye Rye

Roster Co-ordinator — Gina Shymko

Program Co-ordinator — Mrs. Forsyth

Community League Co-ordinator — Gwen Koch
Supply Co-ordinator — Carleen Vrdolak

1978-79

President — Helen McMillan
Vice-President — Deanna Suranyi
Secretary-Treasurer — Lois Sauriol
Roster Co-ordinator — Cathy Phillips
Program Co-ordinator — Val Kernahan
Community League Co-ordinator — Norma Paul
Supply Co-ordinator — Doreen Hunt

1979-80

President — Colleen Moran
Vice-President — Inez Parry
Secretary-Treasurer — Lois Wood
Program Co-ordinator — Monica Robertson
Roster and Supply Co-ordinator — Betty Gibson
Community League Co-ordinator — Lorraine Poeckens

1980-81

President — Monica Robertson
Vice-President — Karen Wing
Secretary-Treasurer — Val Kernahan
Program Co-ordinator — Gerry Barsotti
Roster Co-ordinator — Gloria Sichkaryk
Supply Co-ordinator — Norma Clark

1981-82

President — Darlene Tchir
Vice-President — Carol Okerman
Secretary-Treasurer — Cheryl Yeske
Supply Co-ordinator — Shirley Taylor
Program Co-ordinator — Irene Midgley
Community League Co-ordinator — Lillian Street
Roster Co-ordinator — Gwen Greanya

1982-83

President — Gerry Barsotti
Secretary-Treasurer — Shiela Nielsen
Supply Co-ordinator — Janet Duby
Program Co-ordinator — Laura McDonald
Roster Co-ordinator — Irene Midgley

1983-84

President — Gloria Sichkaryk

Vice-President — Rose Bazinet
Secretary-Treasurer — Carol Okerman
Supply Co-ordinator — Karen Gislason
Roster Co-ordinator — Lavonne Bowman
Community League Co-ordinator — Judy Wideman
Program Co-ordinator — Rosa Semenchuk

1984-85

President — Carol Okerman
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Secretary-Treasurer — Sheila Nielsen
Supply Co-ordinator — Christina McBride
Roster Co-ordinator — Wendy Pyesmany

1985-86

President — Cheri Carruthers
Secretary-Treasurer — Rose Bazinet
Supply Co-ordinator — Joan Basaraba
Roster Co-ordinator — Janet Duby
Program Co-ordinator — Linda Bamford

1986-87

President — Rosa Semenchuk
Secretary-Treasurer — Dianne Barbazuk
Field Trip — Donna Cote
Supply Co-ordinator — Rosemarie Kluthe
Roster Co-ordinator — Bonnie Metcalf

1987-88

President — Joan Basaraba
Vice-President — Marlene Carlson
Secretary-Treasurer — Colleen Caspove
Field Trip — Janet Bradley
Roster Co-ordinator — Laura McDonald
Supply Co-ordinator — Karen Gislason

1988-89

President — Rita Fiorillo
Secretary-Treasurer — Cheryl Cresswell
Supply Co-ordinator — Pauline Montgomery

1989-90

President — Debbie Crozier
Secretary-Treasurer — Colleen Caspove
Roster Co-ordinator — Carmen Potter
Supply Co-ordinator — Brenda Menzies



Sunnyside

LORD, FORGIVE ME WHEN I WHINE

Today, upon a bus, I saw a lovely girl with golden hair, I envied her...she seemed so gay...and wished I were as fair. When suddenly she rose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle. She had one leg, and wore a crutch. But as she passed...a smile! Oh, God forgive me when I whine, I have two legs. The world is mine!

I stopped to buy some candy. The lad who sold it had such charm. I talked with him. He seemed so glad. If I were late 'twould do no harm. And as I left he said to me: "I thank you. You have been so kind. It's nice to talk with folks like you. You see," he said, "I'm blind." Oh, God forgive me when I whine, I have two eyes. The world is mine.

Later, while walking down the street, I saw a child with eyes of blue. He stood and watched the other play. He did not know what to do. I stopped a moment, then I said, "Why don't you join the others, dear?" He looked ahead without a word, and then I knew he could not hear. Oh God forgive me when I whine. I have two ears. The world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go, with eyes to see the sunset's glow, with ears to hear what I would know... Oh, God forgive me when I whine. I'm blessed indeed. The world is mine.--AUTHOR UNKNOWN.



Churches and Organizations

Bell from Poplar Lake log church, moved from 82 St. and 195 Ave. to 5003-146 Ave.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

by Rose-Marie McCarthy

The Catholic Women's League is a National Organization of Catholic Women in Canada, with a mandate of spiritual growth, Christian education and community involvement.

A parish council was organized in Namao for St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church by Rose-

Marie McCarthy, a member at that time of the Alberta Mackenzie Provincial CWL executive.

The charter, now hanging in the Namao United Church, was presented on December 16, 1979, to the first executive: President, Frances Kalinowski; Vice-president, Ernestine Zuidema; Secretary, Lenore Hukalo; Treasurer, Elsie Heisler.

Charter members, in addition to the executive, were: Margaret Bokenfohr, Rita Crozier, Antionette Graus, Helen Hinteregger, Vera Huber,

Betty Loiselle, Rose-Marie McCarthy, Simone Purdue, Judy Weisgerber.

The Director was Rev. Bill Irwin who was followed by Fathers Angus McRae, Colin Campbell, Ted Wesolowski, Vic Perron.

Other presidents of the council have been: Simone Purdue, Lenore Hukalo, Trudy Mercx, Judy Weisgerber, Rose-Marie McCarthy, Margaret Joines.

The CWL council took over the responsibility of the catechism program held weekly at Namao school. This program was funded in the early years, with various fund raising projects. Eventually Ethnic Night was established as the funding event, which highlighted a meal from another country, followed by some entertainment, which in the last few years was a play by the Caviar Players of Bon Accord.

As a Catholic Women's League Parish Council, the ladies have been very involved in the pro-life movement. As well, in 1988, the council initiated a resolution to the Provincial Government requesting that the family unit be considered when debating any new bills. This resolution was accepted at the Diocesan and Provincial CWL Conventions, which represent 10,000 Catholic Women in Alberta.

Another resolution, expressing concern about the moral ramifications of reproductive technologies, was presented and made its way to the National Convention of the CWL, and was accepted, representing 130,000 Catholic women.

The Catholic Women's League council has been very active supporting WIN Houses in Edmonton, the Bon Accord Food Bank and Catholic Charities as well as Newman College.

Though the council is small, the Catholic Women's League mandate has been, and will continue to be, fulfilled.

NAMAO UNITED CHURCH THE YEARS 1963-1983

*"I hear the tread of pioneers,
of nations yet to be,
The first low wash where yet shall tread
A human sea"*

The previous passage, written by a Namao district pioneer in the late 1800s was taken from the "Cameo of the West", a history of the Namao district.

In the past twenty years we have seen the vision expressed in the excerpt becoming reality, particularly so in the past decade. Our district has seen



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the steady growth of the city of Edmonton into our rolling prime farm land north of the city. The extensive subdivisions of many farms have changed the once familiar surrounding countryside forever.

Since 1963 many projects encompassing the church have been realized. This could not have been possible without the generous contributions of money and time by so many people interested in "our Church". The highlights of these two decades are as follows:

1963 — A new modern manse was built adjacent to the church and a long familiar landmark, the two storey manse, was torn down. The new manse was beautifully furnished with the ingenuity of the people of the three churches in the Namao charge with new items, donated items and even a touch of the old manse in the sense of the re-designed drapes.

1967 — The Centennial year was celebrated by installing a carillon in the belfry of the church in memory of all the pioneers of the Namao district.

1968 — A church library was started, instigated by the second unit of the United Church Women. Since that time the room has been furnished

with tables, easy chairs and curtains. More books are continually being added from donations from the Memorial Fund.

The need for more space for the Sunday School arose at this time. The area under the front vestibule of the church was dug out and a room was finished and furnished.

1970 — To provide still more facilities for the now overburdened Sunday School facilities, a trailer unit was purchased and placed just north of the church, hence a new Christian Education Building came into being.

1971 — An addition was completed, joining the main body of the church to the Christian Education Building, creating a more convenient access from one building to the other.

1974 — The city water line was extended to the hamlet of Namao from the Namao Air base, enabling the Church to install the plumbing. This service was improved in 1982 when a permanent sewer line was brought to the hamlet.

With the increase in population in the area, a Roman Catholic parish was formed. Since that time, the Namao Church has served both congregations. This has resulted in joint ecumenical projects and services.

1976 — The original windows in the church, complete with square nails, were replaced with sealed windows. The sanctuary of the church was completely carpeted, giving it a warm and welcome appearance.

The need for a separate study and office for the minister was realized this same year and built into the east side of the church with a separate entry to the office and study.

During this twenty years, the Pastoral Charge has had four ordained ministers. Rev. Eldred Miller served for ten years and, while here, received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from St. Stephen's College. Reverend Harold Black was minister for the next six years, and Rev. Hal Sambell for three years. In the fall of 1982 Rev. Chauncey MacKay answered the call, coming from Ontario to fill the vacancy.

In March of 1980 Mr. Don Brown of Morinville, a lay minister, came as an assistant, taking one service each Sunday, alternating between two of the churches. Mr. Rick Orsten of Bon Accord succeeded in December 1981 in the same position.

The year 1981 marked the centennial of the first family moving into the Namao district, the Long family. The Long family wished to commemorate this event, and donated a large engraved bell to the church. This bell was placed in an arch

erected on the grassy area at the front of the church.

To commemorate the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the church in the Namao district, two stained glass windows, made possible by monies from the Memorial Fund, were installed in the sanctuary. They were dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of all those associated with the Church throughout the century.

The past twenty years have witnessed the rise and fall in attendance in the church, choir, Sunday School and the youth and women's groups. Hope springs eternal, so we are looking forward to renewal in all areas, as we enter the next century of worship, work and fellowship in this corner of God's universe, at Namao Church.

In 1983 we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Church at Namao. A wonderful turnout from far and wide filled the gymnasium at the Sturgeon Composite High School, and enjoyed a program organized by a committee of 18 members headed by Daisy Craig. The event was planned over a period of two years. Participating Ministers were: Rev. Ted Eskdale, Dr. Eldred Miller, Rev. Harold Black, Rev. Hal Sambell, Rev. Chauncey MacKay, Rev. Wayne Shortt, Rev. May Sanders, Rev. Jim Shortt



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and Lay Minister, Mr. Rick Orsten. Dr. Robert McClure was the guest speaker.

Barbara Crozier re-activated the choir, a total of 48, including some original members. Verna Hansen and Doris Clapp assisted with the organ and piano accompaniment. There was also a special music ensemble from the Sturgeon Composite High School. Congratualtions to all. Following the service, lunch was served in the Namao Junior High School Gymnasium. A musical program was held during the afternoon. The Namao 4-H girls presented a fashion show, with styles from the past century.

The projects for this event included: two stained glass windows installed in the Church; a pictorial directory of the congregation was produced; historical plates were sold; and the church history was printed and given to all who attended. Claire MacKay made a ceramic church time capsule into which was placed a copy of the 100th Anniversary Service, Dr. McClure's address, and other memorabilia. This was sealed in a case made by Russell Coburn, and placed inside the front door of the Church to be opened in the year 2008.

Since 1983, the basement of the church was completely refinished to include a kitchen, meeting room, two classrooms and a nursery. The UCW are now holding all their meetings in the basement rooms. Ornal Jorgensen was the overseer of this project which was done by volunteer labour. At the same time, the office was extended into the trailer and the old office updated. Sheer curtains were made for the Sanctuary by Mrs. Florian Waycenko. The Board of Stewards had the church resided and the roof reshingled.

In 1989 a stained glass window was installed in memory of the Harry Bell family and was dedicated by Delma Bell, their adopted daughter.

Our Church services are held at eleven o'clock on Sunday mornings and we welcome all to attend. It is our hope to be able to start a Sunday School again.

Since our 100th Anniversary, ministers who have served at Namao are: Rev. Chancey MacKay, 1982-83; and Rev. Kees Hessels, 1984-87. Our present minister is Rev. Murray Aspden, 1988, and lay minister is Debbie Morris.

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BELL HAS OWN HISTORY

The bell dedicated to the memory of the Namao pioneers is not without a history of its own.

Although it was purchased by Mabel Clark in Halifax, it had seen many years of use on the opposite side of the country. The bell had been fixed on a logging train operating on Vancouver Island, hauling lumber to the mills. When the trains were replaced by trucks, the brass fittings were dismantled and sold. Eventually this bell ended up at a shop in Halifax called The Brass Monkey, where it caught the eye of Mrs. Mabel Clark.

Seeing it as a fitting monument to the adventurous people who pioneered with her parents in the Namao area, Mrs. Clark decided to purchase the bell. It was cleaned and inscribed with the names of the pioneers, and made ready for installation in the Namao United Church. An arch was planned and built by Bud Horricks and members of the church's Board of Stewards to house the bell.

NAMAO UNITED CHURCH CHOIR

by Barbara Crozier

In the history of Namao, there has been music in some form since the first choir was established. Although there are few records, one hears from the stories handed down, of the choir in which Bert Long sang a loud "Amen" at the end of the second verse, forgetting to turn the page for the rest of the hymn. Vera Lowe directed the choir for a period. Daisy Craig retired as choir leader in 1958.

Barbara Crozier succeeded her that year, and with the help of Verna Hansen, organist, gathered together a group of teenage girls to form a new choir. Their enthusiasm contagious, they then brought their mothers, and soon other women from the congregation joined too. With those increased numbers, it was possible to attempt more interesting things.



Choir at the 100th Anniversary, 1983.



Namao United Church Choir, 1963.

There began a regular presentation of Christmas and Easter cantatas, fun to prepare with three-part harmonies, solos, duets and quartets. New gowns made them an honest-to-goodness choir, and a number of times they offered their cantatas at Bon Accord Church as well. On some occasions, involving the Pastoral Charge, Patricia, Bon Accord and Namao's choirs sang together as one.

One year for Mother's Day, the men in the congregation formed the choir. Over a period of many years, at Christmas time the choir travelled by school bus around the district, singing carols and eating the treats that were offered. A number of workshops were attended, once by the junior members, that included a few boys by then, who were interested in hearing the Elmer Iseler Singers from Toronto.

Two special occasions stand out in memory — the eightieth anniversary of the church in 1963, and the hundredth anniversary in 1983, both involving much planning and preparation. The choir felt privileged to lead the music for such gatherings.

On looking back, the years when the choir flourished, through the sixties and into the seventies, were interesting times. A changing membership made it unique; sometimes there were children, sometimes there were adults, sometimes both. Always there was a good rapport and a feeling of fellowship and support. The anthems sung, just the presence of a choir in a service, adds to the life of the church, and it is regrettable that there hasn't been regular choir music at Namao for a number of years. Through the years, there is an ebb and flow in every organization; it is possible that a new choir with new music is in the near future.



Namao United Church Choir at 100th Anniversary, 1983.

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

The United Church Women at Namao got their start in 1911, when the wife of R.N. Matheson, minister of the Church at Namao, helped organize the Women's Missionary Society, a young women's group affiliated with the WMS called the Gleaner's Guild, a Mission Band, and reorganized the choir. This group included women from Patricia and Namao, who used to travel to meetings by democrats. One story is told of a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Long, when a fierce rain storm erupted. Seeing that the ladies were not dressed for this type of weather, Mrs. Long emptied a clothes closet of clothing and sent the ladies home, covered against the rain, if not in style.

In 1922, Patricia decided to go on their own. Between 1911 and 1927, there were several wom-



Phoebe Crozier, Mrs. Ed Auten holding Wesley Auten, Ethel Bailey, Mrs. Lawrence Rye, Great-Grandmother Samis, Mrs. Connelly (Minister's Wife), Mrs. E. Clark holding her grandchild, Mrs. G. Long, Miss E. Long, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Bert Shultz, unknown person, Mrs. Williams, Miss E. Weeks, Mrs. W. Maxfield, Mrs. Rosa Samis, Mrs. Logan Shultz holding her son Lloyd, Mrs. Walter Shultz, Great-Grandmother P. Shultz, unknown person, Eleanor Crozier (in pram), Bessie Clark, Bertha Speers, Violet Shultz, Mabel Long, next 2 unknown, Lottie Lowe.



Back Row: Mrs. Jim Pratt, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. George Long, Miss E. Weeks, Mrs. Auten, Nellie Jamieson, Mrs. Bill Clark, Miss Long, Mrs. Tracy Long. Second row: Mrs. Jim Paul, Mrs. Earl Graham, Nellie Jamieson, Mrs. Ed Auten, Mrs. Procnier. Front Row: Mrs. Arksey, unknown person, Mrs. Jim Pratt's son, Mildred Clark and Wesley Auten.



Back Row: Mrs. Jim Paul, Mrs. A. Carson holding Jean, Vera Lowe, Hazel Broder, Mabel Clark, Mrs. Bill Clark, Mrs. E. Auten, Nellie Jamieson, Violet Crozier holding her son Clayton, Mrs. R. Bailey, Phoebe Crozier, Miss E. Weeks, Mrs. Goerge Long, Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Elmer Samis, Mrs. Howard Latimer, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Arksey. Second Row: Viola Shultz, Mrs. Jack McLay, Mrs. W. Brown, Mrs. Rosa Samis, Mrs. Procnier, Mrs. Johnny Gibson, Mrs. Fred McLay, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Kerr.

en's groups in Namao, namely the Ladies' Aid, the Women's Missionary Society, and later, the Women's Association and the United Farm Women of Alberta. After church union in 1925, the groups carried on individually. In January 1963, the beginning of a new year, a new group was formed, and became known as the United Church Women. The United Farm Women did not join this group.

This group met every month to carry on their worthwhile work. Some time later a second group of younger women formed and held their meetings in the evening. Due to family and outside commitments, they were unable to carry on, after a period of two years. A few of the younger women came back to the afternoon group.

At our regular meetings we start with a devotion, given by one of the members. We have also had study book sessions and discussions. We have a number of guest speakers from different city organizations, outlining their work and discussing our role in the working of these charities.

Our meetings are now held five or six times a year, including a luncheon held in April, which we started again in 1989.

Following is a list of some of the organizations we assist financially.

- Bissell Centre
- Observer
- Flower Fund
- Jellinek House
- Mental Health
- Red Cross
- St. Stephens College for Bursary fund

Tablecloths for the Communion Table, and keep the kitchen stocked with supplies

Mission and Services

Presbyterial Bursary Fund

Canadian Bible Society

Girls School in Trinidad

Marian Centre

Upkeep of Manse

Other commitments: Over the years we have: sent members to the UCW Retreat, given life membership pins to numerous members, convened lunch for Annual Congregational Meetings, participated in World Day of Prayer, provided annual birthday party for residents of Rivercrest lodge and assisted in purchasing toys and equipment for the nursery. Once a month we look after the apparel shop for patients at Alberta Hospital, and have a continuous drive for glasses for operation eyesight, and used stamps for the Leprosy Fund.

In years past we: organized an annual flower show, donated our Tea Money to Dr. Helen Huston for her work in Nepal, sold candles for Mental Health Association, sold United Church coffee spoons and Namao Hasti Notes, assisted with blood donor clinics, and purchased communion racks which were placed in the church by Jack Speers. We also participated in Rural Life Sundays with Bon Accord and Patricia, assisted with cemetery day, house cleaned, church — spring and fall, also manse, between ministers. We have held clothing and furniture drives for Bissell Center, spring and fall.

Cards, gifts, flowers and fruit are sent to district residents who are hospitalized, sick or



United Church Women Luncheon Meeting, April, 1989. Back Row, L-R: Barbara Horricks, Rita Crozier, Judy Aspden, Sonia Borosiuk, Janet Akerman, Maxine LeClair and Ella Coburn. Next Row, L-R: Barb Crozier, Norma Paul, Dorothy Stanton, Shirley Ward, Jean Crozier, Doris Rye, Isabel Crozier and Margaret Nelsen. Next Row, L-R: Carmen Cameron, Viola Samis, Gladys McLay, Alice McLay, Alma Paul, Jean Monaghan and Betty Jorgensen. Front Row, L-R: Violet Auten, Nellie Jamieson, Daisy Craig and Bertha Speers.

bereaved. Gladys McLay headed this committee and has made hundreds of visits. Thank you, Gladys. We organize the turkey supper, and host a thank you evening at the Community Hall for all who work and donate to this yearly event. We make sandwiches for Bissell center at least four times a year.

These are some of the undertakings of the UCW. If you feel you would like to join us and help carry on this worthwhile work, we welcome you.



Namao United Church, July 15, 1984. Back Row, L-R: Ella Coburn, Bertha Speers, Hazel Martin, Isabel Crozier, Betty Samis, Daisy Craig, Ruby Lowe, Rev. Mackay and his wife Claire. Front Row, L-R: Barbara Crozier, Viola Samis, Carmen Cameron, Alma Paul, Alice Kreller.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC PARISH, NAMAQ

*written by Vera Huber, Jules and Betty Loiselle,
and Joyce Vath*

Our church grew from a desire of some Catholic families, led by Jules and Betty Loiselle, to have Catechism for our children. A meeting was held in March 1974, with members of the Sturgeon School Division: Mr. F. Robinson, Mr. W. Heppler, Mr. H. Paul, the Principal of Namao School, Mr. W. Tanasiuk; the Pastor of Redwater, Father John Adamyk; and the Catholic families of the Namao school area. There were 45 Catholic families at that time in the Namao area.

It was decided to start Catechism classes in the fall of 1974, with school classrooms to be used every Tuesday from 3:20 to 4:30 P.M., with volunteer parent teachers. Father John said it was too bad that we did not have a church, so regular Mass could be celebrated. That was soon settled, when we made an agreement with the Namao United Church to rent their Church.

Sunday evening May 5, 1974, a historical event took place in the Namao United Church, when the newly formed Catholic Parish, under the very dedicated leadership of Father John Adamyk, celebrated their first Mass with 50 people present from 15 families.

Our first parish council general meeting was held on May 7, 1974, with Leo Huber as chairman, and we chose the name "St. John The Evangelist". We held our first Sacrament of Reconciliation for our Catechism classes in March 1975, with first Communion on May 10, 1975.

Father Hugh MacGillivray became our Pastor in May 1975, and under his leadership, we were registered as a Parish, and our Constitution was drawn up and approved April 4, 1976. Then in July 1977, Father Bill Irwin became our Priest and under his guidance a new church was built at Gibbons. We received our CWL charter on September 22, 1979, with Frances Kalinowski as president.

We celebrated our first Confirmation with Bon Accord, Gibbons and Redwater on May 10, 1978. Our second Confirmation was held for 26 children on May 23, 1981. This was the first time our Archbishop, Most Reverend Joseph MacNeil, had ever held a Catholic Confirmation in a United Church. He praised the economics and fellowship of this endeavour as well as the ecumenical atmosphere in Namao.

In August 1979, Father Angus McRae from CFB Lancaster Park, became our Pastor. In June

1980, Father Malcolm Campbell came to us. With his encouragement, our Council Chairman, Helmut Hinteregger, brought together the parishes of Gibbons, Namao, and Redwater and built a rectory at Gibbons, with its official opening on December 5, 1981. That same year, a new church was also built in Redwater.

On August 18, 1981, Father Ted Wesolowski

came to lead us in our faith and greater endeavors in working for God's large family.

In August 1985, our present priest, Father Vic Perron, was appointed to become our dedicated Pastor, who continues to teach us God's message of love for one another.

We now have 65 Catholic families in the Namao area as of January 1, 1990.

FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

*One night I had a dream —
I dreamed I was walking along the beach
with the Lord and
Across the sky flashed scenes from my
life.
For each scene I noticed two sets of
footprints in the sand,
One belonged to me and the other to the
Lord.
When the last scene of my life flashed
before us,
I looked back at the footprints in the
sand.
I noticed, that many times along the
path of my life,
There was only one set of footprints.
I also noticed that it happened at the
very lowest and saddest times in my
life.
This really bothered me and I questioned
the Lord about it.
"Lord, you said that once I decided to
follow you,
You would walk with me all the way,
But I have noticed that during the most
troublesome times in my life
There is only one set of footprints.
I don't understand why in times when I
needed you most, you should leave me."
The Lord replied, "My precious, precious
child, I love you and I would never,
never leave you during your times of
trial & suffering.
When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you."*

Author Unknown

LIVING BOUQUETS

*"When I quit this mortal shore,
and mosey 'round the earth no
more,
don't weep, don't sigh, don't sob;
I may have struck a better job.
Don't go and buy a large bouquet,
for which you'll find it hard to pay;
don't mope around and feel all
blue,
I may be better off than you.
Don't tell the folks I was a saint,
or anything you know I ain't.
If you have jam like that to spread,
please, hand it out before I'm dead.
If you have roses — Bless your
soul!
Just pin one in my buttonhole,
while I'm alive and well today;
don't wait until I've gone away."*

Author Unknown

Clubs and Organizations



Bellerose Hall.

NAMAO HAPPIETTE CLUB

by Carmen Cameron

1936-1946

The Happiette Club was formed as a social club, by a group of young women in 1936, at the home of Beryl Gibson. The first recorded meeting was in 1944 at Jessie Clark's home. Card parties had been held, receipts amounted to \$27.75, prizes cost \$3.60. During our first ten years dances were held, quilts made, bazaars held, parcels sent to boys overseas once a month, donations made to cigarette funds and to flower funds. A fund was also started for a Community Centre. In 1946, we donated \$100.00 to the Namao Athletic Club.

1947-1956

During this time, Secret Sisters was started. Storm windows were put on the Community Hall costing \$100.00. Chicken suppers started, along with bazaars. We catered to track meets, purchased a Winnipeg couch for the school for the use of sick students, entered a house contest which resulted in a \$20.00 prize. At a meeting in February in 1949, at Edith Cushing's, a fuse was blown twice. With a group of 15 women, what else could have caused it but too much hot air. Several large meetings were held with as many as 27 in attendance. In June of 1949, the club gave the hall board \$400.00, and in November, another \$100.00, to be

used for a chimney and heater. Lilac teas were started, with members supplying tables and chairs, cups and saucers, along with sandwiches and cakes. Another \$200.00 was given to hall board to have walls covered with donna cona sheeting; in all we donated \$700.00 for hall improvements. At the end of this year, 1951, our financial standing was \$48.47. In 1953 cupboards were installed in the hall basement. We sold lunch at the ATC barn dance. We started to charge a 25¢ membership fee, catered to showers and wedding dances, bought tables and chairs for the hall, costing \$343.50. We covered the side entry and stage with lino, purchased six dozen cups and saucers for the hall, and put on a very successful play and variety show. We ended this decade with \$194.09.

1957-1966

The hall kitchen was completed. We catered to showers and wedding dances, held bazaars, purchased five blankets for the Cruden family who were burnt out. We gave hall board \$100.00 towards a furnace, catered to the 4-H Dairy Club banquet. We held cotton balls, an anniversary dance, a hard time dance, a New Year's Eve dance, and put on a cooking school presented by Calgary Power. We purchased chairs for hall basement costing \$337.50, and donated \$100.00 to a new community skating rink. Besides this, we sponsored a girl to Red Cross Leadership courses, purchased hampers for needy families, donated to the girls softball team and to the junior boys ball club. Financial standing at end of 1966 was \$557.95.



1979 Christmas gathering. Back Row, L-R: Laura Bokenfohr, Norah Hook, Mary Clark, Janet Akerman, Vi Samis, Alice McLay and Betty Samis. Front Row, L-R: Gladys McLay, Alma Paul, Joan Okerman, May Crozier, Polly McLay, Gladys Gibson, Carmen Cameron, Margaret Bokenfohr and Mollie McDonell.

1967-1976

During this decade, we did the usual catering to showers, wedding dances, farm sales and 4-H banquets. We made donations to the U.C.W. Flower Fund, 4-H garden and Buttons and Bow Clubs and another \$500.00 to Community League.

We purchased curtains for the stage and started a water fund for the hall. We bought large serving trays, and paid \$350.00 to have hall painted. We paid the community league \$150.00 for the building of cupboards, and purchased five fluorescent lights for the hall. We also had a fashion show sponsored by Simpson's Sears, Tupper parties, spring teas and bazaars. We ended with \$1,353.29.



1988 Happiettes Christmas gathering at Mollie McDonell's. Back Row, L-R: Carmen Cameron, Polly McLay, Janet Akerman, Alma Paul, Norah Hook, Joan Okerman and Pauline Carson. Middle Row, L-R: Alice McLay, Mable Shultz, Mary Nelsen, Betty Samis, Mary Clark and Mollie McDonell. Front Row, L-R: Vi Samis and Gladys McLay.

1977-1986

To start our final 10 years, we made patchwork quilts, paid a visit to Palm Dairies, catered to funerals, showers, weddings and held telephone card parties. Contributions to the hall included purchase of more cups and saucers, trolleys for the kitchen, drapes for the windows, paid \$100.00 to have benches installed on the east side of the hall; this work was done by students at the high school. Plans were approved to have benches installed on the west side of the hall, which was done. We gave the community league \$1,000.00 for alterations to the hall, \$200.00 to Fire Fighters to go towards the purchase of a tanker unit, and \$100.00 to the Junior High School Band. In addition to this, we continued with our regular donations, ending 1985 with a balance of \$1,475.82.

This last year we voted to give the seniors

\$1000.00 to go towards renovations to the basement of the hall.

Finally, plans were made to hold a 50th Anniversary Reunion at the hall into which the bulk of our money has gone. We can well be proud of the contribution we have made to the community, and we know our efforts have added to the enjoyment of the people who use this facility.

Since our 50th Anniversary in 1986 we have carried on with our meetings. As we are all getting older, we have slowed down our catering but continue to help out at the community hall whenever we can.



Happiettes 1991. Back Row, L-R: Joan Okerman, May Crozier, Laura Bokenfohr, Mary Nelsen and Lois Mundy. Middle Row, L-R: Alice McLay, Polly McLay, Carmen Cameron, Mollie McDonell and Alma Paul. Front Row, L-R: Viola Samis, Mildred Davis, Gladys McLay, Janet Akerman and Mary Clark (sitting).

50th Anniversary Members Present

Shorty Gwilliam	Margaret Waterhouse
Therza Shultz	Margaret Bokenfohr
Norma Crozier	Dorothy Stanton
Rita Crozier	Flo McKinley
Doris Gibson	Doris Graham
Jean Crozier	Mollie McNeilly
Mary Samis	Eunice Rosenberg
Verna Hansen	Barbara McMillan
Mary Wagner	Barbara Horricks
Arlene Brown	Ruth Auten
Angy Paul	Ella Coburn
Barbara Crozier	Merrilyn Huot
Hazel Plumley	Ruby Lowe
Evelyn Brimacombe	Margaret Greenleese
Babe Davis	Mildred Davis

Barbara Harrold
Bea McLay
Norah Hook
Joan Okerman
Laura Bokenfohr
Mary Nelsen
Gladys McLay
Alice McLay
Polly McLay
Carmen Cameron

Members not able to attend

Gladys Gibson
Eileen Fleck
Lois Bowman

Members not well

Beryl Puliin
Ethel McPherson

Far away members

Jessie Smile
Nettie Cameron
Joyce Harrold
Mrs. Eskdale

Members who have passed away

Dode Samis
Bernice McLay
Pearl Latimer
Joan Harrold

Since our Anniversary we have lost four members

Ethel McPherson
Doris Gibson

Mary Clark
Mae Crozier
Thora McIntyre
Betty Samis
Mollie McDonell
Vi Samis
Janet Akerman
Mabel Shultz
Alma Paul
Gertie Duxbury

Evelyn Griffiths
Marj Samis
Nancy Yeske

Vi Gibb
Kay Mathers
Peggy Bonham
Vivian Lane

Nancy Gibson
Edith Cushing
Eileen Gamble

Babe Davis
Betty Samis



Happiettes Original Members. Back Row, L-R: Ruth Auten, Mollie McDonell, Mable Shultz, Alice McLay, Vi Samis and Mary Nelsen. Front Row, L-R: Doris Gibson, Janet Akerman and Babe Davis.



Presentation of coffee urn to Club from the Community League L-R Mary Nelsen, Marlene Shultz and Carmen Cameron (seated).

Namao Happiettes hold 50th celebration

The Namao Happiette Club held a 50th anniversary gathering in the Namao Community Hall on Sept. 17. Each guest was presented with an orchid corsage from the community league.

Fifty-two past and present members, from a total of 72, were welcomed by president Mary Nelsen. Doris Gibson, one of the original members, was present with her daughter Doreen Lamoureux. Viola Samis, who originated the club, was mistress of ceremonies and called on Gladys McLay to say grace. The dinner was catered by Sonya Borosuik.

A history of the achievements of the club was read by Carmen Cameron. A skit in the form of a TV interview show was put on by five members: Viola Samis, Janet Akerman, Nora Hook, Joan Okerman and Mary Clark. Marlene Shultz, on behalf of the community league, presented the club with an engraved 100-cup percolater.

An anniversary cake, made by Gladys McLay and cut by Alice McLay, was served with coffee. Former member Babe Davis thanked the present members for a wonderful reunion.

Present executive members are Mary Nelsen, Betty Samis and Mary Clark.

Since our 50th anniversary we finished an anniversary tablecloth, consisting of members' names, past and present. We did the usual catering to funerals, anniversaries and teas. We also

made tablecloths for the Community Hall and purchased six dozen cups and saucers. We are, at this date, still active in the community.

4-H CLUBS — NAMA0 AREA

by Melvin Clark

4-H Clubs have been an important part of the Namao community for many years. Young people participating in 4-H Clubs have learned many life skills such as public speaking. Some of the early clubs were the Sturgeon Valley Dairy Club, Namao Beef Club and Namao Garden Club. Later years saw the addition of the Namao Buttons and Bows Sewing Club. The addition of foods to the club changed the name to the Namao Buttons and Bowls. The Namao 4-H Mechanics Club was formed in the mid-seventies for those young members interested in small engines, automotives and welding projects. Several years ago the two clubs joined together as one active multi-project club, which still operates under the name of Sturgeon Clever Clovers 4-H Club. To date, the Sturgeon Valley 4-H Dairy Club is the only other operating in the more northern area of Sturgeon. Many 4-H members over the years have also received major 4-H trips and awards, and we now have many second generation members in the club. The continuation of the 4-H program in the community

has been largely due to the many hours of voluntary time which many leaders have given to 4-H.

Editor's addition: Namao Trail Buster's 4-H Light Horse Club formed in the fall of 1990.

THE NAMAOSIXTY PLUS CLUB

written on behalf of members by Bessie E. Craig

In fair or foul weather, the first and third Thursday afternoon of each month, one will find thirty or more silver-haired friends at the Namao Hall enjoying companionship over a game of cards or pool, a cup of coffee and a few goodies, followed by a business meeting.

This association began in 1972 when Bertha Speers contacted the Sturgeon Recreation Department regarding a program, which they were offering for seniors. Two STEP program co-ordinators, Marjorie Chamberland and Lawrence Coulombe arranged several social functions, which were so well attended and enjoyed, that it was decided to organize a social club.

Bertha Speers was elected president; Harry Cresswell, vice-president; Bessie Craig, secretary; Harold Clark, treasurer; Bruce Porter became liaison officer with the Namao Community League, which position he still holds; Alice McLay and Marjorie Clark, social convenors; Isabel Crozier and Charlie Horricks, game convenors.

The Community League very kindly gave permission for the use of the hall. Herb Craig proposed that our association be called The Namao Sixty Plus Club. It was decided to meet every first and third Thursday afternoon of each month for games and business. Volunteers proceeded to upgrade the hall and build a lounge.

In November 1972, Bruce Porter explained the New Horizons program which included Federal Government grants to senior associations. In March 1973, we received a grant of \$1,925.00. Marjorie Clark had been in charge of furnishing the lounge. This enabled her to complete the project, and provided funds to purchase a pool table and two ping pong tables. Ken Stanton restored eleven chairs, which had been in the hall for many years.



Back Row, L-R: Myrna Fyfe, Angus McDonell, Jack McLay, Howard Samis and Harry Cresswell. Middle Row, L-R: Lee Potter, John Pearse, Ralph Samis and George Horricks. Front Row, L-R: Marjorie Clark, Ada Potter, Bertha Speers, Glen Samis and Charlie Horricks, December, 1980.



Namao 60 Plus Club, 1989. Front Row, L-R: Bertha Speers, Jack Speers, Kit Hudson, and Daisy Craig. Middle Row, L-R: Alice Kreller, Olive Harrold, Laura Campbell, Mary Nelsen, Bessie Craig and Margaret Davis. Back Row, L-R: Bill Gibson, Harold Clapp and Tom Campbell

Presidents have been: Bertha Speers, Harry Cresswell, Bruce Porter, Daisy Craig, Harold Clapp, Alice Kreller, Glen Samis, Viola Samis, Fred Cresswell and Jack Speers.

Bruce Porter and Harold Clapp have been instrumental in making arrangements for all New Horizons, Alberta Cultural and Transportation grants, thereby assisting the Community League, now renamed the Namao Community Agricultural Society and volunteers, to upgrade the Community Hall with sewerage, expansion and renovations. A fourteen passenger van has been purchased. A recreation room was built for which Jack Speers donated a new large pool table. In the fall of 1989, a wheel chair ramp was constructed.

The Sixty Plus Club are individually members of the Namao Community Agricultural Society,



Namao Sixty Plus Club, 1989. Back Row, L-R: Ted Samis, Tom Campbell, Gladys McLay, Jim Burke, Elmer Rye, Bud LeClair and Harold Clapp. Middle Row, L-R: Charlie Horricks, Alice Kreller, Kay Horricks, Margaret Davis, Olive Harrold, Maxine LeClair, Violet Samis, Alice McLay, Marjorie Clark, Bill Gibson and Jack Speers. Front Row, L-R: Harry Cresswell, Bertha Speers and Kit Hudson.

and have membership with the Alberta Council of Aging and The Black Gold Yellowhead Association.

At first, members enjoyed shuffleboard, darts and table tennis, but recently, pool, whist, bridge and five hundred have taken precedence.

We have been enriched by the film presentations of Dr. Bill Caryle on Wild Life, Mary Nelsen on her trip to Russia and Bruce Porter's pictures of the Orient, Alaska and Eastern Canada. Sturgeon Public Health Nurses have enlightened us on diet, blood pressure and arthritis. They also come and administer flu shots each fall. Home Care nurses have also helped our seniors individually with many problems.

A program of exercises was introduced in 1979 and carried on for one half hour each meeting for three years under the direction of Daisy Craig, Alice Kreller and Olive Harrold.

We have entertained and been entertained by seniors of Bon Accord, Villeneuve, Gibbons and Morinville. For several years members enjoyed the Seniors Red Barn dinner and dance.



Namao 60 Plus Club, Christmas, 1990. Back Row, L-R: Irene Bender, Charlie Horricks, Maxine LeClair, Tom Campbell, Harry Cresswell and Bud LeClair. Middle Row, L-R: Mary Nelsen, Jack Speers, Kay Horricks, Vi Samis, Margaret Davis, Alice Kreller and Gladys McLay. Front Row, L-R: Harold Clapp, Dale Shultz, Mable Shultz, Bessie Craig, Alice McLay and Marjorie Craig.

During the eighties, Sixty Plus members tripped en masse to Drumheller, Fort McMurray, Waterton and Kananaskis. With the acquisition of the van, thanks to Transportation Grants, day trips have been enjoyed to Brasseau Dam, Stony Plain, Wabamun, Crystal Springs and many places of interest in the city of Edmonton.

During the years there have been some special

occasions. One of these was in 1973 when the Sixty Plus Club participated in the One Hundredth Anniversary Service of the Namao United Church by supporting the choir. Each June and Christmas we have a luncheon, followed by a sing song and whist. Birthdays of the intervening months are celebrated. Members who have had ninetieth birthdays have been especially honored. These have been Lawrence Rye, Katie Davis, Bertha Speers, Edith Fraser, Kit Hudson and Harry Cresswell.

Projects to preserve the history of the Namao district began in May 1977, with the acquisition of a cabinet to hold the original Namao Hall minute book, a copy of the first Cameo and other memorabilia.

In December 1977, Howard and Viola Samis donated a picture of Northern Alberta Old Timers Association with Namao Pioneers, which was hung in the lounge. Bertha Speers suggested that a pictorial history of the district be compiled. Viola Samis offered to act as custodian. With the aid of Arlene Speers, many splendid pictures, collected by club members, were enlarged at considerable



Namao Seniors' Birthdays, July to December. Front Row: Ruth Auten, Janet Akerman, Gen Cresswell, Muriel Porter, Fred Cresswell and Mollie McDonell. Second Row: Ella Coburn, Jeanne Segeart, Laura Bokenfohr, Edith Fraser, Isabel Crozier and Rita Crozier. Third Row: Gordon Akerman, Doris Clapp, Amy Ash, Howard Samis, Cliff Crozier and Melvin Ash. Fourth Row: Ivan Kreller, Laura Campbell, Bruce Porter, Marshall Davis and Henry Bender.



Namao 60 Plus Club. Back Row, L-R: Betty Samis, Amy Ash, Gen Cresswell, Ruby Lowe, Rita Crozier, Molly McDonell and Janet Akerman. Middle Row, L-R: Howard Samis, Gordon Ash, Marshall Davis, Cliff Crozier, Edith Fraser, Isabell Crozier, Muriel Porter, Laura Campbell and Ivan Kreller. Front Row, L-R: Melvin Ash, Gordon Akerman, Bruce Porter, Fred Cresswell and Dick Lowe.

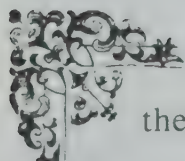
expense. A very large book to contain the pictures and a stand to hold it were made by Howard Samis.

It took three and one half years for Viola to complete the project, which was financed by a three hundred dollar donation from the Namao UCW and a grant from the Alberta Department of Culture. On January 28, 1981, a ceremony was held to display the book. The ribbon was cut by Mabel Long Clark. It is indeed a treasure!

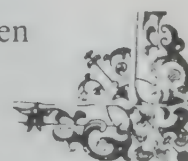
Subsequently, Howard Samis was delegated to take pictures of all charter members. These are mounted in another book.

The update to "Cameo of the West" is sponsored by the Sixty Plus Club and with one exception, Dianne Gibson, the committee in charge are members of the club. To these ladies and gentlemen, we express our heartfelt gratitude for their dedication and the many hours spent in compiling, editing and publishing this book.

We hope that the traditions and spirit of this Club will be continued indefinitely by others in the community as they reach the charmed age of Sixty Plus.



What we need today are more people who can do what they ought to, when they ought to, whether or not they want to.



Roll of Honour

HONOR ROLL AND ASSOCIATES NAMAQ 60 PLUS CLUB

Harry Auten
Violet Auten
Bruce Carruthers
Allen Carson
Vernon Carson
Hannah Chubb
Harold Clark Sr.
Mabel Clark
Russell Coburn
Herb Craig
Marion Cresswell
John Crozier
Kate Davis
Doris Gibson
Donald Harrold
Ceenie Harrold
Jack Harrold
George Horricks
Margaret Horricks
Francis Huff
Garnet Huff
William Jamieson
Archie Junkin

Jack Martin
Hazel Martin
Angus McDonell
John McDonell
Jack Nelsen
Hazel Plumley
Jack Plumley
Susie Plumley
Ada Potter
Lee Potter
Lawrence Rye
Bessie Samis
Glen Samis
Betty Samis
Ted Samis
Bill Sinclair
Oliver Sinclair
Jessie Sinclair
Alberta Spence
Gordon Spence
Ken Stanton
Millie Stanton
Gordon Wilson

THE FIRST NAMAQ BROWNIE PACK THE FIRST NAMAQ GUIDE COMPANY

The Brownie and Guide groups were organized in 1990. The first meeting was held on October 24, 1990, in the Namao Hall, with six Brownies and seven Guides registered. The Brownies' and Guides' goals are to lend a helping hand, serve their community, and to help provide clean water



1st Namao Guide Company, 1990. Back Row, L-R: Kathy Okerman, Renita Davidson, Jessica Jones, Nicole Lemay and Shelley Sillito. Front Row, L-R: Betty Jorgensen (District Commissioner), Krista Werstiuk, Marla MacPhee, Michelle Jorgensen and Cheri Vivier. Absent: Carrie Wilmot (Guider in charge).



1st Namao Brownie Pack, 1990. Back Row, L-R: Natasha Keast, Allison O'Kell and Jessica Caspove. Front Row, L-R: Kate Kieser, Candace Lemay, Nicole Bouvier and Colleen Caspove (Brown Owl).

in all areas of the world. The groups also have a special mission in 1990 to encourage waste management. The Brownie Pack Leader (Brown Owl) is Colleen Caspove, Guide Leader (Guider in Charge) is Carrie Wilmot, and the District Commissioner/President is Betty Jorgensen.

NAMAQ COMMUNITY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

by Evelyn Griffiths

In 1981, a group of members of the Namao Horse Club completed an application for the organization of an Agricultural Society. On January 28, 1981, a charter was approved to formally organize the Namao Agricultural Society.

The main reason was to access capital and operating grants for the community. In 1987, the Namao Community League amalgamated with the Agricultural Society which was already in place.

The expanded network of grants and community improvement programs thus became available. The first president was Murray Farnham. The new Namao Community Agricultural Society is a very hard working group of volunteers. It is operated under the guidelines of the Department of Agriculture.

The 1989-90 President is Keith Reed. Some accomplishments are: a complete renovation of the Namao Hall, including new floor; new room in basement; two washrooms; and a wheel chair ramp.

In the Namao School, new curtains were purchased for the gym, a new walk-in cooler is now being installed in the Hub kitchen.

There are a number of groups under the community umbrella. These groups include Fire Department, Plus 60 Club, Nursery School, Horse Club, Happiettes, NAMPA, UCW, CWL, Gymkhana Club, Parent Advisory Club, Sturgeon Recreation Board, sports groups and 4-H.

A new outdoor rink is in plans for the future.

Meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 7:30 P.M. in the Namao Hall. Meetings are open to the public.

With this group in place, our community will grow to become a place of which we can be proud.

NAMAQ COMMUNITY HALL

In the year 1924, the junior UFA was looking around for a building to be used as a hall. The senior UFA members suggested a hall be built for the community, and a company was formed. The

capital of the company would be six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00), divided into twelve hundred shares at five dollars each. The company comprised of Samuel Carson, Maurice Lowe and Fred McLay. They were the first to buy shares, each buying shares dated the 24th day of April, 1925. Fred McLay donated the land from the site of the old school grounds for the hall, which measured 50 by 100 feet. Esther Samis was the first secretary. A joint meeting of junior and senior UFA members was held on Monday, February 9, 1925, with three junior and four seniors appointed to the board of directors. It was moved that the committee get prices on a building. A new slate of officers was named: Walter Craig, President, Maurice Lowe, Secretary, with Samuel Carson as Honorary President. When the ladies found that there wasn't place for a kitchen in the new building, they began canvassing for money to make an addition onto the building, which was 16 x 30 feet.

On August 12, 1925, Vera Carson and Maurice Lowe held their wedding dance in the hall. The next weekend the hall was officially opened. The mortgage was paid off in January 1940.

In 1949, a full-sized basement was made under the hall. Tables were made and chairs purchased to accommodate any size supper or wedding party. The kitchen was built at the south end of the basement. The basement was completely paid for in 1954.

New Year's Eve dances were held annually. Friday or Saturday night dances were held during the year. Sometimes an orchestra would take on the dances on a share basis. In 1957, the Namao UFA Hall was changed to the Namao Community Hall.

During the years 1960 to 1970, the following improvements took place. In December of 1965, Calgary Power was installed. In the late sixties,

donacona wall board was put on the ceiling and walls. In the late seventies and early eighties, the hall was stuccoed and new windows installed. During this time, the back kitchen and cloakroom were turned into a Senior Citizens' room, 16 x 30 feet. The seniors received a government grant for furnishings. A kitchen and two washrooms were installed, and the city water was put in. During this time, the ceiling was lowered, new wall board put in, and the floor refinished.

A new addition was added to the west side of the hall with a new entrance leading to the basement and upstairs. At the same time, the kitchen and seniors' rooms were extended. Kitchen cupboards, made by the high school carpenter class, were installed, along with benches on the east side of the hall. After two years, benches were added to the west side of the hall. A name plate, also made by the students, was erected at the front of the hall.

In 1987, the Namao Agricultural Society took over the operation of the Community Hall. The basement was completely gutted and renovated to include a nursery room, two washrooms, a furnace room and a large conference room. New shingles were put on the roof in 1988. A ramp was built to accommodate wheel chairs at the front door of the hall.

In 1989 a new hardwood floor was installed.

In 1990 the hall was redecorated, and new curtains and blinds installed. All organizations, under the umbrella of the Agricultural Society, donated money towards the purchase of hanging silk plants which decorate the hall.

On April 29, 1990, a brunch was held in the Namao Hall to let the community see the results of all the work that had taken place.

NAMA0 EXPLORERS

as remembered by Donna Craig

For almost twenty years at Namao, Wednesday after school was "Explorer" time at the church. At the urging of Roy Smith, student minister, and his wife, Norma, the program began in 1959 with fourteen members. Founding members were Margaret Zima, Shelley Curlett, Doreine Matthew, Linda Paul, Janis Cameron, Marilyn Hodgins, Colleen and Heather Smith, Lois Clapp, Linda Nelsen, Dianne Potter, Kathleen Latimer, Marilyn Schlamp and Betty Rye.

With a very enthusiastic group of 8, 9, 10 and 11 year olds, we were able to pursue a wide range of activities. Bible study and Missions were part



Namao Community Hall, 1991.



Margaret Mitchell pinning on stars at Explorers.

of the program, and the girls learned about many different countries, mainly Africa, Japan and China. They conducted their meetings and elected their executive. Putting on teas and parties was fun, as were games, singing, crafts and campouts.

An interdenominational program leading to CGIT, the Explorer group was led over the years by Donna Craig, Laura Potter, Mrs. Guignon, Margaret Clarke, Ollie McNeilly, Margaret Mitchell, Deweyne Dubie, Margaret Nelsen, Janet Reed, Norma Paul, Jean Strong and Eva Berg. It was supported financially, physically, and prayerfully by the UCW. Rev. Eldred Miller frequently dropped in at meetings, bringing his caring and wisdom.

The group was very dependent on parent participation, attending the various functions, ironing the starched white blouses, and transporting tired and hungry Explorers home after meetings.



Laura Potter with a group of Explorers.

The Theme "Be Doers of the Word and not Hearers Only" was very workable with this age group.

To see the young girls in their uniforms of a white blouse, red tie and pin, receiving their stars at the church, was an inspiring sight.

I expect the singing of the Explorer Hymn "This is My Father's World" brings many nostalgic feelings to those who were privileged to share in the leadership of this group. Hopefully it brings happy memories to those girls, now women, who participated in the program during such important years of their young lives.

Lois Clapp was the first Namao Explorer to receive an "E" pin.

NAMAO GYMKHANA CLUB

Namao Gymkhana Club was started by the Davis family in the early '70s and at one time had seventy active members. It has not been active in 1989 and 1990. You never know when a group will start the club up again, as the equipment is still stored and ready to use.

NAMAO HORSE CLUB

Namao Horse Club started using the skating rink for a show ring. This was approximately 27 years ago, when the first horse show was held. Tommy Murro was the first judge, sometime in the early '60s.

When the school ground was enlarged, permanent horse show grounds were built. It was a two-day show for several years, with up to 200 horses, separate classes for Appaloosa, Quarter horse and Arabians, and high point awards for adult and youth.

In the 1980s, we changed back to a one-day show. We have had the privilege of having Norm Epp mark 20 years as our announcer when he attended the 1990 show. We were snowed out one year, and we were rained out one year. Those years it was held at an indoor arena.

There are some people who have worked for many years at the concession booth, and some who have worked for many years managing the show, programme and entries. They are all working for the good of the community.

NAMAO MUSIC PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Namao Music Parents' Association was formed September 1981, and is registered as a non-

profit society. Our objective is to support the music program of Namao School. Fund-raising functions over the past years have been: raffles of microwave oven and video machine, family dances, bake sales, turkey suppers, rummage sales, craft fairs and the highway clean-up each May.

1986 NaMPA became an umbrella group with the Namao Community League (Namao Community Agricultural Society). With this support NaMPA applies annually for the Community Recreation/Cultural Grant. These monies enable band members to have a weekend retreat, one day workshop, attend the Kiwanis Festival in St. Albert and the Alberta Band Association Festival in Red Deer. All events are done annually with the exception of the weekend retreat. This is planned every other year.

Also, under the support of NaMPA, there has been a choral group which has competed in the Kiwanis Festival. The Chorus, Beginner Band and Advance Band have done well in these festivals with receiving many awards. Also, students who have gone through the Namao music program have continued with music at Sturgeon Composite High School. Community members are very proud of students who have made music their chosen careers after completing high school. The support given to NaMPA by the community over the years has made the music program at Namao very prestigious when competing, and with students furthering their music talents. This program could not have achieved this recognition without the dedicated direction of Mrs. Hengel (Miss Wiese) since the program began in 1981.



Don't Quit

When things go wrong, as they
sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging
seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the
debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you
have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a
bit —
Rest if you must, but don't you quit
Life is queer with its twists and
turns,
As every one of us sometimes
learns,
And many a fellow turns about
When he might have won had he
stuck it out.
Don't give up though the pace
seems slow —
You may succeed with another
blow

Often the goal is nearer than
It seems to a faint and faltering man.
Often the struggler has given up
When he might have captured the
victor's cup,
And he learned too late when the
night came down,
How close he was to the golden
crown
Success is failure turned inside out
The silver tint of the clouds of
doubt,
And you never can tell how close
you are
It might be near when it seems afar;
So stick to the fight when you're
hardest hit —
It's when things seem worst that
you must not quit.

Author Unknown

FOUR PEOPLE

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody, when actually Nobody accused Anybody.





FARMERS CURLING LEAGUE

by *Melvin Clark*

On January 6, 1968, a Farmers Curling League was started at the Lancaster Park Curling Rink. In the first years, the teams were made up of farmers and retired farmers from the surrounding areas. Later years saw the addition of ladies, and eventually the league was opened to anyone who wished to curl once a week in the afternoon. The teams were made up by drawing names from a hat three times per season. The final draw was for a playoff in which a challenge trophy, donated by Gib Paradis UFA, was presented. Prizes were also given to the teams which accumulated points in a four game playoff. Many friends were made and good sportsmanship and fun was had by all. The spring of 1986 saw the end of the league as the Lancaster Park Rink closed. Many curlers still curl in Edmonton, Morinville and Gibbons Curling rinks.

THE GODMOTHERS/NULIFE

by *Dorothy Chinni*

We have come a long way from our first St. Patrick dance in 1979, to raise funds to start our ladies fastball team. Thanks to the support of the community, we got off to a whopping start, and have never looked back. Most of our ladies at that time were local gals, out for a lot of fun. Our first trip was to Ward's Sport Shop in Castledowns, to outfit our team in uniforms.

Where we came up with our team name "Godmothers", I will never tell. Anyway a lot of gals

have come and gone, and I take pride in being the only original still active, for how long I do not know. One day I will have to be put out to pasture, I guess.

We joined the Sturgeon Ladies' Fastball League, which consisted of approximately 18 teams at that time, from Namao, Gibbons, Bon Accord, Sturgeon Valley, Alexander, Morinville, etc. We put our rusty old joints through the paces and came up with, in my opinion, a very good ball team. We did not always win but we sure had fun trying.

Our wine and cheese parties became pretty well known. Even today I am asked when we are going to start them again.

Several of our daughters were cheerleaders those first few years, and have now graduated to be players.

We relied a lot on the expertise of veterans like Evelyn Griffiths, Eva Berg and Betty Crozier; aerobic teachers, Joanne Bokenfohr, Audrey Gibson; umpires: Melvin Clark, Keith Reed, Ken Vath and Tony Crapelewe. Our official scorekeeper and statistician was Marlene Shultz. If you want to check anyone's stats, perhaps Marlene still has the records. We were even successful in teaching girls to play, who had never even seen a ball diamond before, and some of our girls preferred to run over the equipment with their vehicles.

Our trips usually consisted of piling into Jepsen's Suburban and off we went, flags, banners, equipment and all.

We caused a few eyes to turn, when we were too late for the Frontier Daze parade and ended



First year of "The Namao Godmothers", 1979. Back Row, L-R: Josie Crapelewe, Norma Paul, Esther Phair, Sylvia Gulaga, Kathy Taron, Marian Hordal, Audrey Gibson, Lorna Miller, Diane Michaud, Dave (unknown), and Joanne Bokenfohr. Front Row, L-R: Julie Stewart, Eva Berg, Lynn Gibson, Dorothy Chinni, Pat Jepsen and Marty St. Martin.



Namao Godmothers, 1982. Back Row, L-R: Lorraine Valient, Evelyn Griffiths, Kathy Taron, Eileen , Patty Ward, Joanne Bokenfohr, Carol Okerman and Karen Crozier. Front Row, L-R: Lynn Gibson, Barb Collier, Audrey Gibson, Carol Brandl, Dorothy Chinni and Pat Jepsen.

up at tournament time in our housecoats, curlers, with toothbrushes and all, or when we came out in hockey equipment for a real showdown with Sturgeon Valley Ladies.

I think and hope “The Godmothers”, have left their mark in Namao. We certainly created a lot of new interest in baseball in the area.

We have been through a lot of girls over the years, but we are still on the go, even though we have had to recruit ladies from outside Namao boundaries, which brought us to our new name “Namao NuLife”. We have won several trophies over the years, and are still going strong.

Who could forget our annual banquets and our catering service.

RUSTY BLADES HOCKEY CLUB

by Melvin Clark

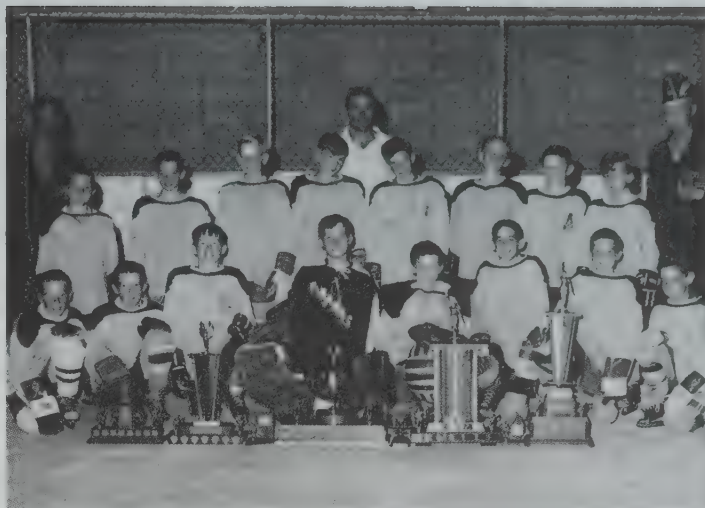
The nineteen seventies saw many former hockey players joining hockey teams, with minimal body contact and no slap shot play, or better known as recreational hockey. In the late seventies, a team which is still known as the “Rusty Blades”, was organized for players 35 years and older. Some players came from teams in the East Sturgeon Gentlemen’s Hockey League, some had not played for years at all, some had never played hockey. The team has put on dances to raise funds, to make community donations such as the trophy case and speakers podium, as well as honoring many members of the Namao Community. The Rusty Blades still play each Sunday morning during the winter at the Bon Accord Arena. They are not known for their expertise on the ice; however, they are known for their classy uniforms, Sunday brunches and good sportsmanship.

CANADIAN FORCES BASE HOCKEY TEAM

by M. Bokenfohr

Most of these young lads went on in the Pee-wee Division to take the City Championships.

These were exciting years for our family with much time spent in hockey arenas cheering and supporting these teams. Brother Gordon (being a preschooler) looked forward to every game too . . . with much time spent going between the concession stands and Mom and Dad for “more num-nums please!” Poor child — mom’s home cooked meals somehow never appealed to him prior to a hockey game.



Canadian Forces Base Hockey Team, 1970. Namao Area players: Murray Speers, Brian Speers, Doug Vaculchik, Tim Booth, Bob Sutton, Tim Bokenfohr. Manager: Wilf Laroche, Assistant Coach: Duke Connelly. Coach: Gus Thuillier. Teammates (in random order): Mark Kelly, Brian Speers, Tim Bokenfohr, Bob Sutton, James Bereza, Stephen Currie, Roland Thuillier, Doug Vaculchik, Robert Jones, Doug Beers, Murray Speers, Dennis Connelly, Tim Booth, Stephen Tait, Darryl Dupplexis.

SOCCER IN NAMAO

Soccer started in Namao in the early seventies with the help of the late Trevor Wing. In 1972, the Namao team won the Tri-County Championship. Over the years, many people have helped to keep the sport strong in Namao. The Namao Community League has always given its support to soccer.

In 1986, Dominic and Nicole Currie took over soccer with three teams. That year, Namao won the Sturgeon Cup. Namao has won the Sturgeon Cup in 1986, 1987, 1988, and 1989.

In 1989, two teams from Namao, under ten, coached by Dominic Currie, and under twelve, coached by Brian Bradley, won the Tri-County Championship in their age groups.

Over the years, Nicole Currie became Director of Soccer for Namao. Businesses in the area were approached to sponsor the teams by supplying team sweaters which the kids get to keep at the end of the season.

Soccer in Namao has been a big success. There are now seven teams that play for Namao.

The people who have helped to keep soccer in Namao are too numerous to mention. We thank them for making Namao the hamlet of champions in soccer.

STURGEON RIVER SNOOKER CLUB

Sturgeon River Snooker Club was formed in December 1984. Dominic Currie was elected Presi-

dent; Harry Mack, Treasurer; Gary Greanya, Secretary. The games were played in Currie's basement on a small table. When the Community League developed the basement of the hall, Jack Speers donated a full size table to be used by community league members.

The Sturgeon River Snooker Club started using the hall basement for entertainment. A tournament was started and was named the Jack Speers annual Snooker Tournament.

The tournament was a success, as was the doubles tournament which followed. The Sturgeon River Snooker Club started with eight members, which has grown over the years to thirty-two. A small tournament is held between Christmas and New Years for the original members: Ken Vath, Norm Street, Harry Mack, Bill Dozois, Gary Greanya, Pat Sauriol, Walt Lozinik and Dominic Currie.



Namao Northstars, March, 1978. Back Row, L-R: Phil Gibson, Archie Maxfield, Doug Crozier, Melvin Clark, Derek Nielsen, Paul Sutton, Gary Gauthier and Max Yeske. Front Row, L-R: Joe Zenko, Clarence Stanton, Wayne Potter and Lenard Crozier.



1968. Top Row, L-R: Dwayne Ash, Ron Sichkaryk, Doug Crozier, Bill Akerman, Larry Semeniuk, Gerry Grant, and Brian Clark, Reg Crozier (Coach). Front Row, L-R: David Sichkaryk, Les Crozier, Francis Huber, Jim Crozier, Dale Chervinski and Jerry Tarran.



Namao 12 and Under Hockey Team, 1960-61. Front Row, L-R: Bobby Crozier, Steve Samis, Joe Rye, Tommy Crozier, John Gibson, Gary Gauthier and Colin McLay. Second Row, L-R: Ronnie Crozier, Gene Gauthier, Bobby Samis, Peter Zima, Wayne Potter, Lenard Crozier, Danny McKinley and Richard Bokenfohr. Coaches: Mr. Don Potter and Mr. Ralph Samis.



Baseball at Namao. Coach: Ken Filgate. Back Row, L-R: Dwayne Filgate, David Sherwin, Darren Poeckens, Tom Sherwin, Chris Cameron, Tom Bokenfohr, Jeff Poeckens and Mark Pesklevis. Front Row, L-R: Brad Gibson, Jason Prestie, Darren Wasylucka, Warren MacPhee, Kevin McCracken and Blaine Wozny.



Baseball, 1983. Coaches: David McCracken and Lenard Crozier. Front Row, L-R: David Sherwin, Jason Falcon, Kevin McCracken, Troy Michaud, Darren Wasylucka and Jarrod Miller. Back Row, L-R: Greg Fleshman, Jason Crozier, Blaine Wozny and Ian Koch.



L-R: Gordon Akerman, Doug Crozier, Ron Sichkaryk, Bill Akerman, Jim Crozier, Mike Osadchuk, David Sichkaryk, Tom Bowman, Butch Clark, Greg Gooding, Francis Huber, Calvin Rye, Les Crozier, Donald Sichkaryk.



1984 Namao Scrapers — 12 and under. Back Row, L-R: Coach Joanne Bokenfohr, Steven Bevan, Dwayne Filgate, Trevor Wehrhahn, Mark Pesklevis, Luis Daponte and Kevin Zuidema. Front Row, L-R: Jeff Petch, Craig Wing, George Balas, Colleen Stewart, Brian Reed and Tom Bokenfohr. Second Place — Bon Accord Tournament. Missing from the picture is Greg Fleshman.



Baseball — 1986-87. 1st Place at Morinville Tournament. Coach: Bob Kaziminsky. Back Row, L-R: Erika Greanya, Keri Robertson, Bob Kaziminsky, Karen McCracken and Chelsey Star. Center Row, L-R: Christy Sichkaryk, Diana Boonstra, Heidi Star, Navit Onushko and Kristi Robertson. Front Row, L-R: Aidrea Roxburgh, Andrea Ringstrum, Dannette Thomson and Robin (Unknown).



Namao Sailcats, March, 1978. Back Row, L-R: Dennis Ambrose, Brad Ward, Doug Wasson, Adolf Yeske and Bob Samis. Center Row, L-R: Dale Hegadorn, Les Crozier kneeling. Standing: Kevin Georgy and Lee Crozier. Front Row, L-R: Curtis Sichkaryk, Brian Clark, Ross Horricks, Darryl McBurney and Bob Crozier.



Namao Boys' Basketball Team first year, '64-'65. Back Row, L-R: Larry Gervais, Ricky Pritchard, Mr. Scharf, Melvin Clark, Tom Powell, Denis Verbeck, Dave Meridith. Front Row, L-R: Dave Meridith, Peter Zima, David Dowhaniuk, Evan Miller, Wayne Potter, Steve Samis and Manager Coach, Mr. Curilla.

I'M SPECIAL

In all the world there is nobody like me. Since the beginning of time, there has never been another person like me. Nobody has my smile. Nobody has my eyes, my nose, my hair, my hands, my voice. I'm special.

In all of time there has been no one who laughs like me, no one who cries like me. And what makes me laugh and cry will never provoke identical laughter and tears from anybody else ever. . . .

I'm the only one in creation who has my set of abilities. Oh, there will always be somebody who is better at one of the things I'm good at, but no one in all the universe can reach the quality of my combination of talents, ideas, abilities and feelings.

Through all of eternity no one will ever look,

talk, walk, think, or do like me. I'm special; I'm rare.

And as in all rarity, there is great value. Because of my great rare value, I need not attempt to imitate others. I will accept — Yes, celebrate my differences.

I'm special.

And I'm beginning to realize it's no accident that I'm special. I'm beginning to see that God made me special for a very special purpose.

He must have a job for me that no one else can do as well as I. Out of all the billions of applicants, only one is qualified, only one has the right combination of what it takes.

That one is me.

Because . . . I'm Special



“CONSIDER YOUTH”

However capable we feel
To run the world today,
We shouldn't think the smallest child
Is ever in our way;
We shouldn't take the attitude
That we are old and wise
And those of tender years are just
Too young to recognize.
We should try to keep in mind, that while
They're not yet mature,
Some day our world must lean on them
In order to endure;
Some day we'll have to fade away
And they will take our place,
So we should try to help them solve
The problems they will face;
So let us help our boys and girls
In battles to be won,
And hope they'll do a better job
Than you and I have done.

James J. Metcalfe

Services



Namao Fire Hall.

NAMA O STORE

A history of Namao could not be written without including Johnny's Store. It has been the nucleus of the community for many years. Johnny and Ollie purchased the store from Bob and Al McNeilly on September 9, 1948. They have one son, John, a member of the Edmonton City Detective Break and Enter Force. John Jr. has one daughter, Julie Ann Marie, born August 7, 1983.

The local Post Office was located in the store from April 12, 1892, until July 6, 1990, when it was closed by Ollie, along with the store, due to health reasons.

Over the years many locals stopped in for their mail, paper and groceries. The truckers found it a handy stopping place for sandwiches, pop, coffee and bars, not to mention the many students who also go to the store.

Johnny's Store has participated in all community functions and very graciously had a depot for keys, tickets and donations. Johnny McNeilly passed away on March 8, 1986.

Although there have been many changes in the district, The Namao Store has not changed. It was the setting for a movie, *Border Town Cafe*, a few years ago.



Ollie McNeilly will remain in the community in her home. John Jr. has now moved into a mobile home on the property so he can help look after his mother.

On July 16, 1990, the Namao Store re-opened under the management of Keith Reed.

NAMAO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

In the spring of 1982, a group of people were concerned about the fire protection in the Namao area. They arranged an organizational meeting on June 16, 1982, to see if there were others out there who felt the same, and to see what could be done about it.



Official opening, April 13, 1985. L-R: Larry Paul, Wayne Stranger, Tom Makey, Ted Suranyi, Myrna Fyfe, Maurice Remillard, Clayton Crozier and Martin Fedorchuk
Photographer — Gazette

Erick Kieken, Bon Accord fire chief, and a councillor from the M.D. of Sturgeon, attended the meeting. Eric explained what was involved in being a fire fighter, and setting up and running a fire department and also the training required. The councillor was asking what steps they had to go through to set up a department in Namao, and

what funding and equipment was available from the M.D. At the time, the councillor was not too encouraging about when they could expect equipment. The group decided to go ahead with the training and be of help where they could.

They continued to meet weekly to train and plan. In September 1982, they nominated: Officers, Fire Chief, Ted Suranyi; Deputy Chief, Martin Fedorchuk; and Captains: John Boonstra, Cliff Sichkaryk, Clyde Strong and Ken Vath. They set up four crews, each consisting of one captain and four to five fire fighters. They would rotate, with one crew on call for one week and off for three weeks. This system has worked out well and is still in effect today.



Back Row, L-R: Hank Gulaga, Dominic Currie, Larry Paul, Colin Robertson, Cliff Sichkaryk, Keith Reed, Wayne Lee, Ted Suranyi, Martin Fedorchuk, Ray Phair, Neil Coburn, Dennis Zaylo and Wayne Potter. Front Row, L-R: John Phair, Clyde Strong, Vern Waterhouse, Merrill Huot, Steve Hackman, Ray Huot, Ken Vath and Tony Crapelew.

In October they received their first fire truck. It was a 1954 pumper that the M.D. used as a spare and for training purposes. They rented space from T & D Service and Storage to store the truck and their equipment. They also held all their meetings and practices there.

In December they attended a 10 week Fire Fighter No. 1 training program in Gibbons. Twenty four members went. They also took first aid and C.P.R. courses.

The M.D. was impressed with the hard work and the persistence of the members, and early in 1983, they received a brand new pumper.

There was one main concern with the fire fighters, and that was the lack of water in our rural area. It was felt that a water truck would solve that problem. They approached the M.D. with their

idea but there was no money available at that time. The members felt very strongly about this and decided to raise the money themselves. They canvassed their area, held a fund raising dance, and the Namao Community League provided the remaining funds needed. In April 1983, they had their water truck. The other departments in the M.D. have seen what an asset a water truck is, and as a result, two departments have each acquired one, with the others waiting to get theirs.

Another big undertaking by the department was the Papal visit in 1984. Because the mass was to be held in Namao, the fire protection was our responsibility. With the large number of people expected, there was a great deal of planning involved. We worked closely with the Papal committee, Edmonton Fire Department, CFB Edmonton, and the other departments in the M.D.

In November of 1984 we moved into the new fire hall. The official opening was held on April 13, 1985. During the opening ceremonies, a fire call came in and the people attending were able to see the department in action.



First fire truck and office of the Namao Volunteer Fire Dept., 1982.

In 1985, Sturgeon School Division decided to demolish the old Namao Elementary School. They asked the fire department if they could do this as a controlled burn. The departments in the M.D. used the school for training exercises for a few weeks, and one week before the burn, they all held a full day training exercise in rappelling, search and rescue, first aid and hose handling. On July 20, 1985, the school was burned down, and went out as it started, a teaching facility.

Another idea the N.V.F.D. came up with was a mobile smoke house for training purposes. They approached the M.D. with this idea and the council agreed that it would be beneficial, and that it would provide funding if the department would be responsible for finding a trailer and fixing it

up. They found a used construction job trailer, and they made moveable walls inside that enabled them to change the floor plan of the building. They have a smoke machine that fills the building with smoke and enables them to practice search and rescue with their air packs. Each fire department in the M.D. of Sturgeon gets to use the trailer for about six weeks a year.



Burning of the old White School July, 1985 by the Namao Fire Dept

So, as you can see, as well as serving the Namao community, the department has come up with some innovative ideas that have been beneficial to the whole M.D.

Currently, there are thirty members with the department. They are a very dedicated and hard working group of men and women. These volunteers are constantly training and taking courses on their own time, to upgrade their skills. They have fought grass fires, inside their heavy coats and boots, on days when the temperature reached 28 degrees and the heat was very intense. They also battled a house fire in -40 degree temperatures, when they had to break the ice off their coats and gloves.

There is a special camaraderie and trust among the volunteers, because each knows that someday he may be called upon to save his partner or be saved in an emergency situation.

The N.V.F.D. is now well established in the Namao community and will continue to serve the area. Hopefully, the people of Namao will continue to support the department.

STURGEON RURAL CRIME WATCH

by Evelyn Griffiths

The Sturgeon Rural Crime Watch was formed in 1980, in conjunction with the Morinville RCMP. The district of Sturgeon was broken up into zones. Each zone had a director and a helper. Highway 28 East to Gibbons is zone nine. Director is Evelyn Griffiths.

Zone two south of Namao director was Karen Crozier, with helper, Kim Crozier.

Each director had to prepare a fan-out system, where the director would be telephoned by the RCMP if they were looking for anything special, certain cars, etc. The director would then telephone three people, who would, in turn, telephone three more people, and so on.

We now have a computer installed which does

all the telephoning and leaves a message. If no one is home, it will telephone the next number on the list, and get back to you later.

We have about six meetings a year, held in Morinville. We have a Rural Crime Watch float, which we put in all the local fairs. Our annual meeting is held in November, and we try to get a speaker out. Some of the past speakers were: Drug Officer from K-Division, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Dangerous Goods Officer.

Our first president was Will Mitchell of Sunnyside. Present president is Cal Putnam of Bon Accord.

Cost of joining the Rural Crime Watch is \$12.00. This is a once only charge.

This is a good organization to belong to, as all residents should do their part to keep the community safe.

Namao felt honored when it was chosen to be the host for the province-wide Rural Crime Watch workshop on February 1-2, 1991. Two hundred participants usually attend. At that time, the Department of Fish and Wildlife was included under the umbrella of Rural Crime Watch. All persons who have membership cards may attend any of the provincial workshops, which are held annually.

Journal shopper list up another 86 cents

AUGUST, 1973

Fruit prices continued their upward spiral this week as The Journal's 10-item shopping list shot up another 86 cents.

The total cost of the various staple items rose from \$14.74 to \$15.60 in a week. Coupled with the increase of 63 cents last week, this represents an over-all rise of \$1.49 in two weeks.

Meat continued to take the largest share of the consumers' dollar. Of the four cuts of meat on The Journal's shopping list, the per-pound price of ground chuck and frozen steaks rose, but lamb roasts at 50 cents per pound and wieners were in price and dropped 12 cents per package.

The price of Grade A large eggs increased again this week, this time by four cents.

This week's other savings were found in the produce department. Tomatoes went down another 10 cents per pound and lettuce dropped 13 cents per pound in price as the result of an advertised special.

Bread and potatoes which were on special last week returned to the price of two weeks ago. All other items remained the same.

The following list shows the

Table of changes

The following list shows the changes in price over the last two weeks.

	Aug. 3	Aug. 10	Aug. 17
1 dozen Grade A large eggs	\$.81	\$.83	\$.87
Bacon	1.50	1.00	1.69
Butter	.78	.78	.78
1 pound regular grind coffee	.90	.90	.99
One bunch carrots	.29	.29	.29
1 pound ground chuck	1.15	1.25	1.25
20-ounce loaf of sliced white bread	.23	.20	.23
1 pound navel oranges	.29	.29	.29
1 pound lettuce	.35	.33	.20
1 pound tomatoes	.80	.30	.29
1 package wieners	.90	1.05	.93
4 pound cross rib roast	4.76	5.56	6.60
10 pound new potatoes	1.19	1.00	1.19
Totals	14.11	14.74	15.60

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Fruit and vegetables continued at low prices because of

the abundance of fruit this week. The shopping list includes apples, grapes, peaches, pears, and lemons priced at 10 cents per pound. Pineapples were 80 cents each and melons and turnips were 12 cents a pound.

There were not as many meat specials this week other than the one on wieners and one on cottage rolls. The cottage rolls were priced at \$1.60 a pound.

NAMAOC CEMETERY

List of the Interred	Rng	Lane	G	Years Lived	Interment	Age
Akerman, Mrs. R. W. (Carrie)	9	12	2		May 13, 1985	
Akerman, R. William (Bill)	9	12	1		Sept. 18, 1975	
Akins, Mary Ann	9	5	1		Oct. 23, 1920	
Akins, William Robert	9	5	2		Dec. 6, 1920	
Albas, Nancy	12	6	3	7/1/1915-	May 31, 1954	38
Andresen, Mrs. (Alice Auten)	Cremation				Aug. 26, 1984	
Andresen, Andreus	Cremation					
Armstrong, Eliza Ann (Lizzy)	11	2	1		Jan. 6, 1939	
Auten, Z. Lyle	9	9	8	1909-	Aug. 27, 1970	61
Auten, Barry Allen	9	9	5	1945-	Sept. ? 1962	22
Auten, Edwin	9	9	1		Jan. 5, 1952	
Auten, Mrs. Ed. (Eva)	9	9	2	1883-	July 2, 1974	87
Auten, Wesley	9	9	6	1914-	Oct. 19, 1971	57
Bailey, Annabella (Annie)	5	3	4	1869-	Mar. 1, 1948	79
Bailey, Baby (Margeret's)	7	9	6		Nov. 12, 1919	
Bailey, John D.	5	3	1	3/26/1888-	Jan. 12, 1912	23
Bailey, Mrs. R. (Helen)	5	4	2	4/27/1912-	Nov. 5, 1979	67
Bailey, Robert	5	4	1	1/10/1894-	Jan. 10, 1956	60
Bailey, Robert Wesley Sr.	5	3	3	4/27/1858-	Mar. 3, 1933	75
Bailey, Sam	9	3	3	4/2/1859-	July 28, 1931	72
Bailey, Walter Douglas	5	3	2	1905-	Dec. 23, 1922	17
Bailey, Mrs. Sam (Mary Letita)	9	3	2		July 26, 1926	
Bell, Alice Mary	8	8	5	6/20/1909-	May 22, 1935	25
Bell, Cecil D.	7	3	1	Oct. ?/1896-	Mar. 8, 1897	5 mo.
Bell, Elmer Henry	7	3	4		Aug. 9, 1963	
Bell, Ernest (Ernie)	Cremation				June 27, 1985	
Bell, Florence	8	8	6		Dec. 5, 1984	
Bell, Horace (Bud)	8	8	7		Dec. 3, 1987	
Bell, Mary Mabel	8	8	2	5/4/1882-	Jan. 12, 1943	61
Bell, Murray	7	3	7	1904-	1959	
Bell, Ralph A.	8	8	4	3/4/1907-	Dec. 26, 1967	60
Bell, Robert	8	8	1	1/23/1869-	Mar. 24, 1921	52
Bell, Robie	7	3	8	9/?/1905-	Feb. 7, 1906	5 mo.
Bell, Sarah Kathleen	7	3	3	12/19/1908-	Feb. 13, 1989	80
Bell, Sturgeon Charles	8	8	3	7/29/1935-	July 20, 1951	15
Bell, Willie D.	7	3	2	8/?/1898-	Apr. 25, 1902	03
Berg, Baby girl (Kelly)	5	8	1			
Blach, Julius	11	12	1	1878-	Aug. 25, 1924	46
Bole, Albert	11	9	3	1845-	Apr. 23, 1922	77
Bonnell, Bessie	10	6	5		Aug. 3, 1971	
Brown, Albert Wm.	4	1	5	1927-	June 7, 1929	02
Brown, Archibald	4	1	8		Mar. 18, 1955	
Brown, Mrs. Archibald	4	1	7		Mar. ?, 1961	
Bruce, Florence Ada	11	11	4		Oct. 5, 1937	
Bruce, George	10	11	2	7/18/1876-	Mar. 22, 1966	90
Bruce, Mrs. G. (Ada)	10	11	1		fall of 1914	
Bruce, Mrs. G. (Mary)	11	11	3		Feb. 22, 1960	
Bruce, Neil	10	11	5		Feb. 10, 1980	
Brunten, Douglas	6	6	2			
Bushman, Frank	4	9	3		Aug. 7, 1980	
Carruthers, Alex	8	6	2	1901-	July 6, 1955	54
Carruthers, Catherine	8	7	1	1906-	Nov. 25, 1960	54
Carruthers, Christopher	8	6	4	8/24/1862-	June 26, 1915	52
Carruthers, Elizabeth Ann	8	6	3		July 29, 1946	84
Carruthers, Mervon	8	6	7		Mar. 19, 1954	27
Carruthers, Mrs. A. (Bella)	8	6	1		Oct. 8, 1986	
Carruthers, Thomas (Tom)	8	6	7	1899-	June 28, 1954	55
Carson, Arthur	7	8	2	1867-	Aug. 14, 1940	73
Carson, Charles	7	4	4	1/23/1850-	July 28, 1933	83
Carson, Isabella	7	4	2	3/2/1825-	Mar. 7, 1902	77
Carson, Miriam	7	4	3	1852-	Dec. 26, 1921	69
Carson, Mrs. S. (Loretta)	7	7	4	9/14/1876-	Nov. 2, 1917	41
Carson, Allen Oliver	7	7	5	1/24/1907-	Jan. 7/1989	81

Carson, Oliver	7	4	1	12/12/1812-	June 20, 1899	86
Carson, Samuel	7	7	3	6/3/1870-	Mar. 1, 1949	78
Carson, Vernon	7	7	1	11/4/1902-	July 24, 1980	78
Clark, Harold E.	Cremation				Sept. 12, 1978	
Clark, Dorothy Agnes	10	6	6		Feb. 7, 1949	52
Clark, Grace	9	6	1		Nov. 10, 1943	59
Clark, William J.	9	6	2		Dec. 6, 1952	
Coombes	11		2			
Craig, Cecil A.	Cremation			2/5/1897-	Dec. 11, 1971	74
Craig, Herbert (Herb)	Cremation			10/1/1898-	July 20, 1983	85
Craig, Mrs. W. F. (Maggie)	7	6	8	4/28/1878-	Jan. 15, 1958	79
Craig, Walter Douglas	7	6	6	10/9/1900-	Apr. 29, 1934	34
Craig, William F. (Will)	7	6	7	10/18/1867-	Oct. 24, 1935	68
Crozier, Baby	8	9	6		Sept. 26, 1927	
Crozier, Baby	8	9	6		Nov. 23, 1927	days
Crozier, Baby (Barb and Hugh's)	8	11	5		Nov. 23, 1957	7 days
Crozier, Charles Reginald	8	9	7	3/25/1921-	Nov. 12, 1973	52
Crozier, Betty (Cremation)	10	10	1	3/9/1927-	Apr. 20, 1988	61
Crozier, David	8	10	6	1850-	Mar. 27, 1933	83
Crozier, David Jr.	Cremation				Feb. 20, 1982	
Crozier, David Kenneth	8	11	1	4/16/1897-	Oct. 5, 1955	58
Crozier, Edgar	Cremation				Aug. 2, 1983	
Crozier, John R.	9	11	1		Oct. 15, 1973	
Crozier, Kenneth Gordon	8	11	6	8/4/1952-	Oct. 16, 1975	23
Crozier, Marcus R.	Cremation				Oct. 14, 1978	
Crozier, Martha	8	10	7	1864-	June 27, 1918	82
Crozier, Mrs. W. L. (Phoebe)	8	9	2	1888-	June 11, 1975	87
Crozier, Russell E. (Jr's)	8	10	6	12/12/1932-	Dec. 21, 1932	9 days
Crozier, Thomas D.	7			23/48	Feb. 10, 1987	
Crozier, William Moffat	8	10	8	1853-	July 20, 1926	
Crozier, W. Lloyd	8	9	2		Jan. 5, 1959	
Davis, Doris Thelma	7	9	3	3/7/1922-	Apr. 24, 1922	1 mo
Davis, Laura Ellen	7	9	5		Feb. 20, 1943	51
Domeier, Else	12	4	3	8/7/1908-	Mar. 10, 1911	03
Drinkwater, John G.	11	7	2		Feb. 26, 1912	
Drinkwater, Muriel Jane	10	7	1		Feb. 5, 1943	30
Dupilka, Mike	11	9	1		Apr. 23, 1923	25
D'Alleva, James Sr.	12	6	7		Nov. 10, 1954	62
D'Alleva, Mrs. James	12	6	8		Nov. 1, 1972	
Fender, David	11	4	1			
Ferguson, John James	6	9	1		Jan. 19, 1930	
Ferguson, Mrs. J. J. (Caroline)	6	9	2	1873-	Dec. 2, 1975	102
Fowler, Cecil	6	5	6	8/31/1901-	Feb. 10, 1976	74
Fowler, Frank	6	5	1	1855-	May 17, 1909	55
Fowler, Gordon R.	6	5	4	12/7/1938-	May 30, 1939	6 mo
Fowler, Mae	6	5	5	5/4/1904-	Mar. 11, 1967	62
Fowler, Mrs. Cecil	6	5	7	10/20/1905-	Aug. 28, 1985	79
Gabbey, Robert (Bob)	12	11	4	1881-	Feb. 16, 1952	71
Gabbey, Mrs. Bob (Reine)	12	11	3	6/20/1891-	Feb. 15, 1988	96
Gauthier, Baby Terry	12	11	5		May 12, 1958	11
Gibson, Annie	10	2	8		June 21, 1937	59
Gibson, Arthur (Art)	10	5	5		Nov. 27, 1955	49
Gibson, Clarence	10	5	7		Nov. 29, 1974	
Gibson, Doris Mason	12	13	5		May 30, 1989	80
Gibson, Frank	10	2	7		Nov. ? 1962	
Gibson, James Horace (Jim)	10	5	3		July ? 1964	45
Gibson, James R.	10	2	4	1897-	Dec. 9, 1911	14
Gibson, James Sr.	10	2	5	1830-	July 21, 1897	67
Gibson, John (Johnny)	10	5	2	1876-	July 15, 1959	83
Gibson, Kathrine	10	2	6		-1909	
Gibson, Maude Pearl	10	5	1		Oct. 5, 1948	65
Gibson, Mrs. Art (Margaret)	10	5	6		Nov. 8, 1982	
Gibson, Richard Keith	12	13	1		Mar. ? 1965	45
Graham, Earl	5	8	3		Oct. 30, 1951	
Graham, Mrs. E. (Jennie)	5	8	2	1895-	Nov. 1, 1943	48
Grunlman, Henry	11	10	3		May 12, 1927	
Harrold, Alexandrina (D.M.)	6	2	6		Mar. 13, 1981	

Harrold, Baby Jessie	6	3	4	5/?/1904-	Sept. 23, 1906	02
Harrold, David	6	2	3	10/3/1877-	Oct. 6, 1905	28
Harrold, Donald M.	6	2	5	2/20/1887-	Dec. 14, 1972	85
Harrold, Elizabeth Bessie	6	3	?		Aug. 16, 1929	
Harrold, Harry	6	3	2		Apr. 24, 1931	
Harrold, Jack G.	6	2	8		Dec. 20, 1982	
Harrold, John Sr.	6	2	1	7/18/1855-	June 11, 1920	65
Harrold, John (Johnny)	6	2	7		Aug. 3, 1943	67
Harrold, Mrs. J. Sr. (Janet)	6	2	2	5/22/1855-	Feb. 20, 1925	70
Harrold, Mrs. Harry (Bessie)	6	3	1		Aug. 16, 1929	
Harrold, William	6	3	8		June 12, 1969	
Harrold, William N.	6	3	3		Oct. 6, 1942	60
Hawkins, J.	10	3	5			
Hebein, Linda	4	4	5		May 19, 1989	
Hodgins, Baby Cyril	8	5	4		Dec. 10, 1911	5 mo
Hodgins, Lindsay	9	8	4		Oct. 28, 1971	
Hodgins, Lora Louisa	8	5	5	1876-	Nov. 13, 1943	67
Hodgins, Mrs. W. Sr. (Elizabeth)	8	5	1	1845-	Apr. 2, 1902	57
Hodgins, William M.	8	5	7	1880-	May 25, 1967	87
Hodgins, William Sr.	8	5	2	1825-	Oct. 29, 1909	84
Hodgins, (H. Baby)	8	5	3		Oct. 21, 1939	
Horswell, George	11	7	4		Mar. 15, 1910	
Horton, Arthur	10	4	1		Jan. 20, 1925	
Horton, Mary	10	4	2		July 3, 1926	
Huber, Leo	5	10	1	4/27/1924-	Dec. 29, 1976	52
Hunter, Harvey Carson	9	4	3		Aug. 6, 1959	65
Hunter, Isaac	9	4	1		1902	
Hunter, Mrs. H. (Sue)	9	4	4		June ? 1964	
Hunter, Mrs. Isaac (Elizabeth)	9	4	2		1912	
Ingram, James	9	3	1		1898	
Jenkins, Charles A.	12	1	2		Aug. 16, 1896	
Jenkins, Eva P.	12	1	1		Feb. 26, 1894	
Jenkins, Frank A.	12	1	3	6/4/1887-	Mar. 2, 1894	06
Jenkins, Freddie B.	12	1	5		June 11, 1902	
Jenkins, F. Burton	12	1	4		Mar. 11, 1900	
Johnson, James Jr.	4	3	1		1915 ?	
Johnson, James William	4	3	3		Feb. 25, 1946	73
Johnson, Mrs. James	4	3	2		1916 ?	
Jones, Hazel Elizabeth	9	7	1		Mar. 9, 1945	16
Jones, Issac Wentworth	9	7	2		Dec. 2, 1952	
Jones, Mrs. Mary	12	3	1		May 29, 1986	
Jones, Stanley	9	7	5		Dec. 4, 1958	35
Kelly, Baby E. Barbara	5	8	1		Dec. 22, 1931	
Kerr, John Marcus	11	3	4		Oct. 14, 1942	79
Kerr, Mrs. J. M. (Myra Pearl)	11	3	3		Sept. 21, 1966	
Kerr, Mrs. Myles (Daphne)	11	12	4		Mar. 5, 1984	
Kerr, Myles	11	12	3		Jan. 31, 1987	
Kerr, John	11	3	4		Oct. 14, 1942	
Koch, Jon W.	5	1	8		May 22, 1985	
Komarnisky, E.	Cremation				May 17, 1984	
Kostuk, Charles Wesley	12	12	1	1882-	Apr. 16, 1957	75
Kostuk, John	12	12	4		May 21, 1987	
Kostuk, Mrs. C.	12	12	2	1888-	1958	70
Kostuk, Mrs. J.	12	12	3		June 26, 1981	
Lavers, James Oswald	6	6	4		May 13, 1939	21
Law, Isabella (Bella)	5	7	3	1896-	Jan. 6, 1938	42
Law, Nathaniel (Nat)	5	7	4	1884-	Nov. 1, 1967	83
Lilijan, Otto	11	6	1		Mar. 6, 1934	
Long, Albert W. (Bert)	6	1	8	8/26/1884-	Apr. 29, 1957	73
Long, Annie	7	1	8	5/23/1854-	Mar. 2, 1942	87
Long, Elizabeth Ann	6	1	2	1857-	Mar. 23, 1935	78
Long, George	7	1	4	4/20/1853-	Sept. 24, 1915	62
Long, James Henry (Harry)	6	1	3		Aug. 10, 1925	69
Long, Joan, Mrs. T.	7	1	5	1877-	Jan. ?, 1962	85
Long, John Ernest	7	1	2	Mar./?/1886-	May 18, 1894	08
Long, J. W.	6	1	1	1854-	Oct. 27, 1916	
Long, Leslie	7	1	1	02/?/1894-	Dec. 18, 1893	11 mo

Long, Mary Eleanor	7	1	3	Jan./2/1879- 2/1879-	5/30/1894 5/30/1894	15 15
Long, Mrs. George	7	1	5	4/20/1853-	Sept. 9, 1915	62
Long, Mrs. J. H. (Libby)	6	1	4	1850-	Aug. 26, 1884	34
Long, Tracy Melville	7	1	6		Aug. 24 1964	83
Lowe, Baby	7	5	5		Jan. 15, 1904	days
Lowe, Maurice E. Sr.	7	5	2	3/16/1896	Feb. 24, 1947	51
Lowe, Mrs. M. E. (Vera)	Cremation			9/17/1900-	Dec. 31, 1980	80
Lowe, Mrs. R. (Treeie) Jane R.	7	5	6	1870-	Jan. 21, 1904	34
Lowe, Richard Sr. (Dick)	7	5	7	4/9/1858-	July 5, 1920	62
Martin, Howard	7	2	5		June 23, 1924	
Matheson, Baby	6	6	1		June 12, 1912	
Maxfield, Cathrine	6	4	3	1874-	June 4, 1945	71
Maxfield, William Henry	6	4	4	1869-	Nov. 21, 1949	80
McBride, Gordon	5	5	1	9/5/1914-	Sept. 26, 1921	07
McBride, Pearl C.	5	5	3	5/3/1887-	Apr. 14, 1973	86
McBride, Thomas Edgar	5	5	2	3/25/1882-	Apr. 14, 1943	62
McKinley, Donald A.	10	8	3		Apr. 2, 1974	
McKinley, Dan	10	8	1		Dec. 2, 1960	
McKinley, Florence (Flo)	Cremation				Oct. 2, 1987	
McKinley, Mrs. Dan	10	8	2		Mar. 18, 1973	
McKittrick, Samuel H.	11	4	4	2/10/1837-	Feb. 25, 1903	
McLaughlin, Baby	6	7	6	12/9/1875		
McLaughlin, Charles	6	7	2	6/4/1857-	Nov. 28, 1914	
McLaughlin, Irene	7	6	6		Sept. 16, 1927	
McLaughlin, Mrs. Andy	6	7	4		June 26, 1986	
McLaughlin, Mrs. C. (Agnes I.)	6	7	1	3/26/1863-	June 1, 1945	82
McLay, Donald	Cremation			7/29/1907-	Apr. 1, 1986	79
McLay, Frank Allan	12 66	9	5		11/5/1885-	May 10, 1951
McLay, Freddie	Cremation			7/11/1934-	June 3, 1981	46
McLay, Fredrick J.	12	5	1	7/1/1880-	Nov. 21, 1953	73
McLay, Mrs. Frank (Lavina)	12	9	6	2/5/1887-	Mar. 19, 1974	87
McLay, Mrs. F. J. (Winnifred)	12	5	2	8/24/1880	June 8, 1950	80
McLay, Melburn	12	10	4		Nov. 28, 1989	
McLay, Russell A. (Dick)	12	9	1	11/6/1914-	Jan. 1, 1962	48
McLean, Hector	10	3	8		June 1, 1936	
McLean, Miss Kate	10	3	3		July 2, 1932	
McLean, Neil	10	3	2		Apr. 27, 1931	
McLean, Neil Sr.	10	3	4			
McLean, William	10	3	1			
McNeilly, John (Johnny)	4	5	8		Mar. 12, 1986	
McNeilly, Mrs. Red (AL)	4	5	3		Aug. 30, 1983	
McNeilly, Robert (Red)	4	5	4		Jan. 31, 1984	
McNeilly, Robert Jr. (Bob)	4	5	1		June 25, 1969	
McNicol, Cathrine	4	2	1	1879-	July 29, 1939	60
Melick, Wesley	8	6	8	9/6/1914-	Sept. 10, 1916	2
Monninger, Annie Mae	4	7	1	1930-	June 8, 1974	44
Murray, William	5	2	1		Aug. 7, 1904	57
Nehr, girl Infant	11	4	3		July 3, 1929	
Neil, Joseph	5	7	5		Oct. 23, 1981	
Neil, Margaret	5	7	6		Dec. 19, 1987	
Neil, Thomas	5	7	1		Aug. 12, 1929	
Nicolson, William	6	2	4	1838-	Mar. 3, 1901	63
Ostegarrd, Joyce	7	2	6		Sept. 25, 1968	
Parobchak, Frank	5	3	5	1903-	May 9, 1978	
Parobchak, Sarah	5	3	6		Sept. 13, 1985	
Paul, Albert Charles	7	4	5	1916-	Dec. 2, 1966	50
Paul, James	7	4	8		Sept. 12, 1972	
Paul, Mrs. J. (Hazel)	Cremation			12/23/1895-	Oct. 20, 1975	79
Payzant, Alice	8	4	1	9/2/1845-	Nov. 18, 1899	54
Pearse, George William	4	6	1	5/30/1934-	Feb. 11, 1989	54
Pelichowski, Baby	11	5	2		July 21, 1936	
Penn, Harry	11	7	3		July 21, 1936	
Pollard, Arthur J.	4	1	1	1900-	Sept. 14, 1916	16
Pollard, Charlotte	4	1	2	4/12/1865-	Mar. 28, 1929	65
Pollard, William (Dick)	4	1	3	2/1/1861-	Feb. 21, 1953	92

Procunier, Jessie Annetta	6	4	8	1872-	Mar. 9, 1940	68
Rector, Mrs. Z	9	10	4		Aug. 19, 1931	
Rector, Zackery Taylor	9	10	3		Aug. 6, 1937	84
Reimer, James Henry	10	10	1		Oct. 3, 1952	
Robertson, Colin	4	4	4	3/23/1966-	June 1, 1988	22
Robertson, Robert (Bob)	4	4	3		July 25, 1974	
Rozell, Mrs. Emma, X Fowler	6	5	2	1876-	1959	83
Rye, Elmer Whitelaw	9	1	6		Jan. 28, 1991	69
Rye, Joseph	9	1	4		Oct. 4, 1938	89
Rye, Lawrence M.	9	1	7		June 12, 1981	97
Rye, Lindsey Sr.	9	1	2	1887-	Feb. ?, 1897	10
Rye, Mrs. L. M. (Sarah)	9	1	8		Jan. 18, 1974	90
Rye, Rebecca	9	1	3		Sept. 13, 1927	86
Samis, Allen P.				22/1/1919	Mar. 30, 1990	
Samis, Amy Mrs. Fred #2	8	2	4	1886-	Dec. 21, 1925	39
Samis Baby (Ralph's)	8	1	5	1935-	Jan. 28, 1935	days
Samis, Charles E. (Baby)	7	9	?	1932-	July 25, 1932	?mo.
Samis, Earl Leonard	10	1	5	10/3/1895-	Oct. 30, 1970	75
Samis, Edgar	7	9	2	6/3/1896-	Nov. 9, 1919	23
Samis, Eldin Lloyd (Baby)	8	2	2	4/?/1896-	Aug. 12, 1896	4 mo.
Samis, Ellison	8	2	3	2/22/1904-	1907	03
Samis, Elmer	10	10	4	9/24/1894-	Apr. 30, 1977	83
Samis, Elizabeth T. (Betty)	7	10	3	7/23/1916-	Oct. 11, 1989	73
Samis, E. Fredrick	8	2	7	7/27/1865-	May 31, 1934	69
Samis, C. C. Mrs. Fred #1 (Cette)	8	2	1	1870-	Oct. 27, 1897	27
Samis, Glen Harold	10	1	2	1/1/1899-	Dec. 29, 1987	89
Samis, John Sr.	8	1	1	2/22/1839-	Nov. 11, 1900	61
Samis, John Stephen	7	10	1	7/19/1869-	Nov. 7, 1940	71
Samis, Joseph	8	1	2	7/20/1873-	Feb. ?, 1896	23
Samis, Lorne	8	2	2	5/?/1897-	Sept. 20, 1897	4 mo.
Samis, Luther Judson	7	9	4	6/13/1861-	Apr. 27, 1934	73
Samis, Marvel	8	2	4	1911-	1913	02
Samis, Mrs. L. (Minerva M) (Nerv)	7	9	8		Feb. 20, 1947	79
Samis, Mrs. Elmer (Pearl L.)	10	10	3		Oct. 1, 1948	60
Samis, Mrs. J. S. (Rosa)	7	10	2	12/8/1874-	June 13, 1968	94
Scragg, John Henry	11	4	2	8/29/1929-	Apr. 19, 1930	8 mo.
Scragg, Mary Margaret (Mae)	12	7	1	12/31/1925-	Dec. 14, 1945	19
Scragg, Mrs. Ralph (Jessie)	12	7	3	1898-	Apr. 8, 1975	77
Scragg, Ralph	12	7	2	1892-	Oct. 3, 1974	82
Shivley, Ella	8	3	3	2/1/1882-	Sept. 5, 1943	61
Shivley, George	8	3	1			
Shivley, Mrs. George	10	1	1			
Shortt, Douglas	5	10	5		Sept. 23, 1985	
Shultz, Bert B.	5	9	1	1880-	May 14, 1973	93
Shultz, Byron	5	9	5	1941-	Mar. 10, 1981	40
Shultz, Logan (Loge)	6	8	3	11/5/1883-	Nov. 20, 1923	40
Shultz, Mrs. B. B. (Minnie)	5	9	2		Aug. 31, 1957	76
Shultz, Mrs. W. W. (Louise)	7	11	1	1877-	Aug. 5, 1960	83
Shultz, Raymond	Cremation				Sept. 28, 1981	
Shultz, Walter W.	7	11	2	1878-	Feb. 12, 1963	85
Sinclair, Elaine May	12	2	7		Apr. 21, 1940	05
Sinclair, George	12	2	2			15 mo.
Sinclair, Mildred	12	2	4			
Sinclair, Mrs. Peter	12	2	6	1876-	May 9, 1965	89
Sinclair, Nellie	12	2	5			
Sinclair, Peter Sr.	12	2	1		Apr. 22, 1937	66
Sinclair, P. Charles	12	2	3		Mar. 5, 1929	
Smith, Frank	12	4	1		Feb. 10, 1934	
Smith, Mrs. F. (Annie)	12	4	2	1864-	Jan. 13, 1911	47
Speers, Dorothy Kathleen	5	2	7	10/13/1923-	Feb. 1, 1939	16
Speers, Mrs. Amy	5	2	3	1859-	June 8, 1922	62
Spencer, Clarence	11	2	2		Dec. 10, 1925	
Spencer, Stanley	11	2	3		Feb. 9, 1927	
Spilshead, Elizabeth W.	11	10	1		Sept. 11, 1919	
Stewart, Nellie (Craig)	7	6	1		Nov. 19, 1949	42
Taylor, Baby	12	3	7			
Taylor, David (Dave)	12	3	4		Jan. 23, 1923	32

Taylor, Ross	12	3	3			
Travers, Baby Manford	11	8	4		Feb. 16, 1937	
Travers, Manford John	11	7	1		Feb. 16, 1937	
Trousdale, Mrs. Sarah	11	6	3	1873-	Aug. 28, 1911	38
Vanbuskirk, Onslow	8	3	4	10/7/1873-	June 24, 1952	78
Vanbuskirk, Ida Matilda	8	3	2	4/10/1863-	Sept. 19, 1919	58
Walker, Mrs. G.	4	10	1		Sept. 24, 1979	
Watson, Archibald	10	3	7		June 15, 1945	74
Watson, Mrs. A. (Laura H.)	10	3	6		Apr. 21, 1948	78
Weeks, Elizabeth	4	2	4	1851-	May 9, 1939	88
Weiss, Sidney	4	9	1		Apr. 4, 1975	
Whitley, Baby	7	2	2			
Whitley, Mrs. W. (Martha)	7	2	4		Sept. 6, 1946	87
Whitley, Pauline	7	2	1		Jan. 28, 1924	
Whitley, William	7	2	3	1941-	Cremated	
Williams, Caroline Ingram	Cremation				Oct. 19, 1981	
Williams, Fred West	11	10	4		May 11, 1939	56
Williams, Mrs. R. F. (Alice)	5	6	1	1870-	Feb. 16, 1922	52
Williams, R. F.	5	6	2	1861-	Feb. 20, 1948	87
Wilson, David B.	5	1	3	5/?/1842-	Mar. 31, 1930	88
Wilson, Andrew David	10	6	1	1867-	Dec. 7, 1934	67
Wilson, Georgina	5	1	4	2/15/1855-	May 31, 1937	82
Wilson, Mrs. A. (Mary)	10	6	2	1870-	Nov. 12, 1937	67
Wilson, Mrs. D. B. (Jenette D.)	5	1	2	4/?/1837-	Dec. 6, 1894	57
Wilson, Nellie	5	1	1	1880-	Oct. 9, 1892	12
Wilson, Thomas Henry	5	1	7	1866-	Feb. 6, 1950	84
Wingrove, Baby	9	2	1			
Wingrove, Mrs. W. (Caroline)	9	2	3		Apr. 6, 1966	
Wingrove, William	9	2	2		Jan. 5, 1923	
Wylie, Baby Helen Maude	11	5	1	2/2/1923-	Apr. 30, 1923	3 mo.
Yeske, Edward	10	12	2		Apr. 1, 1974	
Yeske, Mrs. E. (Helen)	10	12	3		Oct. 15, 1974	
Yeske, Walter	10	12	1		Apr. 7, 1963	

Namoo Cemetery Map from August 26, 1884 to February 17, 1991

Range 12			Range 11			Range 10			Range 9		
Lane 1											
Plot #1	Jenkins					Plot #27	Glen Samis		Plot #52	Joseph Rye	
1 Frank A.	5	Charie A.	1 Unknown			1 Shivley, Mrs.	5	Samis, Earl	1 —	5	—
2 F. Burton	6	?	2 Unknown			2 Samis, Glen H.	6	—	2 Rye, Lindsey	6	Elmer Rye
3 Freddy B.	7	?	3 Unknown			29/12/1987	7	—	02/1897	7	Rye, Lawrence M.
4 Eva P.	8	?	4 Mae Pearse			3 —	8	—	3 Rye, Rebecca	8	Rye, Mrs. Sarah
						4 —			4 Rye, Joseph		
Lane 2											
Plot #2	Peter Sinclair					Plot #28	James Gibson		Plot #51	William Wingrove	
1 Peter	5	Nellie	1 Armstrong, Lizzy	1 —		5 James			1 Baby Wingrove	5	—
2 George	6	Charles	2 Spencer, Clarence	2 —		6 Cathrine			2 Wingrove, William	6	—
3 P. Charles	7	Mrs. Peter	3 Spencer, Stanley	3 —		7 Frank			3 Wingrove, Mrs. W.	7	—
4 Milderd	8	Elaine	4 Unknown	4 James R.		8 Annie			4 —	8	—
Lane 3											
Plot #3	Taylor		p24 Kerr, J.			Plot #29	Neil McLean		Plot #50	James Ingram	
1 Jones, Mrs. Mary	5	—	1 Unknown	1 McLean, Neil Sr.	5	Hawkins, J.			1 Ingram, James	5	—
2 —	6	—	2 Unknown	2 McLean, William	6	Watson, Mrs. A.			Caroline (crem)	6	—
3 Taylor, Ross	7	Baby Elizabeth	3 Kerr, Mrs. J.	3 McLean, Miss Kate	7	Watson, Mr. A.			2 Bailey, Mrs. Sam	7	—
4 Taylor, David	8	Taylor, Manuel	4 Kerr, John M.	4 McLean, Neil Jr.		Cathrine McLean			3 Bailey, Sam	8	—
						8 McLean, Hector			4 —		
Lane 4											
Plot #4	Smith		p23 McKittrick, F.			Plot #30	Horton		Plot #49	Mrs. I. Hunter	
1 Smith, Frank	5	—	1 Fender, David	1 Horton, Arthur	5	—			1 Hunter, Isaac	5	—
2 Smith, Annie	6	—	2 Scragg, John H.	2 Horton, Mary	6	—			2 Hunter, Mrs. I.	6	—
3 Domeier, Elsa?	7	—	3 Nehr, Infant	3 —	7	—			3 Hunter, Harvey	7	—
4 —	8	—	4 McKittrick, S.H.	4 —	8	—			4 Hunter, Mrs. H.	8	—
Lane 5											
Plot #5	Fred McLay		Plot #22			Plot #31	Johnny Gibson		Plot #48	Ed. Akins	
1 McLay, Fred	5	—	1 Baby Wylie	1 Maud	5	Arther (Art)			1 Akins, Mary Ann	5	—
2 McLay, Mrs. Fred	6	—	2 Baby Pelichowski	2 Johnny	6	Mrs. Arthur			2 Akins, William	6	—
3 —	7	—	3 Unknown	3 James (Jim)	7	Clarence			3 —	7	—
4 —	8	—	4 Unknown	4 —	8	—			4 —	8	—

Lane 6		Plot #21		Plot #32		Plot #47	
Plot #6	Fred McLay, N½		Andrew Wilson		H. Clark		W. Clarke
1 —	5 —	1 Killijan, Otto				1 Clark, Grace	5 —
2 —	6 —	2 Unknown	1 Andrew	5 Mrs. B. Bonnell		2 Clark, William	6 —
Albas, Nancy		3 Turdale, Mrs.	2 Mrs. Mary	6 Dorothy Clark		3 —	7 —
3 Albas, Nancy	7 D'Alleva, Mr.	Sarah	3 —	7 —		4 —	8 —
nee Gibson	8 D'Alleva, Mrs.	4 Unknown	4 —	8 —			
4 Unknown							
Lane 7		Plot #20		Plot #33		Plot #46	
Plot #7	Scragg, Ralph Sr.		L. Drinkwater				I. W. Jones
1 Scragg, Margaret	5 —	1 Travors, John M.	1 Drinkwater,			1 Jones, Hazel	5 Jones, Stanley
2 Scragg, Ralph	6 —	2 Drinkwater, John	Muriel	5 —		2 Jones, Isaac W.	6 —
3 Scragg, Mrs. Ralph	7 —	3 Penn, Harry	3 —	6 —		3 —	7 —
4 —	8 —	4 Horswell, George	4 —	7 —		4 —	8 —
				8 —			
Lane 8		Plot #18		Plot #34		Plot #45	
Plot #8	Stanley Long		Don McKinley				Lindsey Hodgins
1 —	5 —	1 Unknown	1 McKinley, Dan	5 —		1 —	5 —
2 —	6 —	2 Unknown	2 McKinley, Mrs. Dan	6 —		2 —	6 —
3 —	7 —	3 Unknown	Mrs. Flo (crem.)	7 —		3 —	7 —
4 —	8 —	4 Baby Travers	3 Donald A.	8 —		4 Hodgins, Lindsey	8 —
			4 —				
Lane 9		Plot #18		Plot #35		Plot #44	
Plot #9	Frank McLay		J. McLay				Edward Autin
1 McLay, Russel	5 McLay, Frank	1 Dupolka, Mike	1 —	5 —		1 Autin, Edwin	5 Berry
2 —	6 McLay, Mrs.	2 Unknown	2 —	6 —		2 Andresens (crem.)	6 Wesley
3 —	Frank	3 Albert Bole	3 —	7 —		2 Autin, Mrs. E.	7 —
4 —	7 —	4 Unknown	4 —	8 —		3 —	8 Lyle
	8 —					4 —	
Lane 10		Plot #17		Plot #36A		Plot #43	
Plot #10	Frank McLay		Reimer				Z. Rector
1 —	5 —	1 Elizabeth W.	1 James Reimer	5 —		1 —	5 —
2 —	6 —	Spilshead	vv cres vv	6 —		2 —	6 —
3 —	7 —	2 —	2 Betty Crozier			3 Rector, Z.	7 —
4 Mel McLay	8 —	3 Grunlman, Henry	Plot #36 B Elmer Samis			4 Rector, Mrs. Z.	8 —
		4 Williams, Fred W.	3 Samis, Pearl	7 —			
			4 Samis, Elmer	8 —			
Lane 11		Plot #16		Plot #37		Plot #42	
Plot #11	Mrs. Robert Gabbey		George Bruce				J. Crozier
1 —	5 —	1 —	1 Bruce, Mrs. G.	5 Bruce, Neil		1 Crozier, J. R.	5 —
2 —	6 —	2 —	2 Bruce, George	6 —		2 —	6 —
3 Gabbey, Reine	7 —	3 —	3 —	7 —		3 —	7 —
4 Gabbey, Robert	8 —	4 —	4 —	8 —		4 —	8 —
Lane 12		Plot #15 Bruce		Plot #38		Plot #41	
Mr.C. Kostuk			Edward Yeske				Gordon Akerman
1 Kostuk, C.	5 —	1 Blach, Julius	1 Walter	5 —		1 Akerman, R.W.	
2 Kostuk, Mrs. C.	6 —	2 Coombes	2 Edward	6 —		2 Akerman, Mrs.	—
3 Kostuk, Mrs. J.	7 —	3 Bruce, Mrs.	3 Mrs. Helen	7 —		R.W.	—
4 Kostuk, Mr. J.	8 —	4 Bruce, Florence	4 —	8 —		3 —	—
						4 —	—
Lane 13		Plot #14		Plot #39		Plot #40	
Plot #13	Mr. W. Gibson		Vern Waterhouse				
1 Gibson, Keith	5 Doris Gibson	1 —	1 Homarinsky, E.	5 —		1 —	—
2 —	6 —	2 —	2 —	6 —		2 —	—
3 —	7 —	3 Kerr, Myles	3 —	7 —		3 —	—
4 —	8 —	4 Kerr, Mrs. Myles	4 —	8 —		4 —	—
Range 12		Range 11		Range 10		Range 9	

Namao Cemetery Map from August 26, 1884 to February 17, 1991

Range 8		Range 7		Range 6	
Lane 1		Lane 1		Lane 1	
Plot #53	Mrs. John Samis 1900	Plot #73	George Long	Plot #74	J. H. Long
1 Samis John	5 Samis, Baby	1 Leslie	5 Mrs. George	1 Long, W. J.	5 —
2 Samis, Joseph	(Ralph's)	2 Ernest	6 Long, Tracy M.	2 Elizabeth	6 —
3 —	6 —	3 Mary	7 Long, Mrs. T. (Joan)	3 Harry	7 —
4 —	7 —	4 George	8 Annie	4 Mrs. J. H.	8 Albert (Bert)
	8 —				
Lane 2		Lane 2		Lane 2	
Plot #54	Fred Samis	Plot #72	William Whitley	Plot #75	John Harrold
1 Samis, E. (Cettie)	5 —	1 Pauline	5 Martin, Howard	1 John Sr.	5 Donald M.
2 Samis, Lorne	6 —	2 Baby	6 Ostegarrd, Joyce	2 Janet	6 Alexandrena
3 Ellison & Marvel	7 Samis, Fred	3 William	7 —	3 David	7 John

4 Samis, L. Amy 8 —

Lane 3

Plot #55 Onslow VanBuskurk

1 Shivley, George 5 —
2 Vanbuskurk, Ada 6 —
3 Shivley, Ella 7 —
4 Onslow 8 —

Lane 4

Plot #56 John Payzant

1 Payzant, Alice 5 —
2 — 6 —
3 — 7 —
4 — 8 —

Lane 5

Plot #57 William Hodgins

1 Elizabeth 5 Lora
2 William Sr. 6 W.M.
3 Baby (H. Hodgins) Henry (crem.)
4 Baby Hodgins 7 —
8 —

Lane 6

Plot #58 C. Carruthers

1 Bella 5 —
2 Alex 6 Mervon
3 Elizabeth 7 Tom
4 Christopher 8 Melick, Wesley

Lane 7

Plot #59 Bruce Carruthers

1 Catherine 5 —
2 — 6 —
3 — 7 —
4 — 8 —

Lane 8

Plot #60 Robert Bell

1 Robert 5 Alice
2 Mary M. 6 Florence
3 Sturgeon 7 Horace (Bud)
4 Ralph 8 Susan

Lane 9

Plot #61 Loyd Crozier

1 Crozier, W. L. 5 —
2 Mrs. W. L. (Phoebe) Thomas (crem.)
3 — 6 Babies
4 — 7 Reg
8 —

Lane 10

Plot #62 David Crozier

1 — 5 Two Babies
2 — 6 David
3 — 7 Martha
4 — 8 William

Lane 11

Plot #63 Kenneth Crozier

1 Kenneth 5 Baby Baby
crozier Barb's/Leona's
2 Violet - Auten 6 Kenneth Jr.
3 — 7 —
4 — 8 —

Lane 12

1 — 5 —
2 — 6 —
3 — 7 —
4 — 8 —

Lane 13

1 — 5 —
2 — 6 —
3 — 7 —
4 — 8 —

Range 8

4 Mrs. William 8 —

Plot #71 Harry Bell

1 Cecil 5 —
2 Willie 6 —
3 Sarah Kathleen 7 M. Bell
4 Elmer H. 8 Son of Robert

Plot #70 Charles Carson

1 O. Charles 5 Paul, Albert
2 Isabelle 6 —
3 Miriam 7 —
4 Charles 8 Paul, James

Plot #69 Richard Lowe

1 — 5 Baby
2 Maurice 6 Tressie
3 — 7 Richard Sr.
4 — 8 —

Plot #68 W. F. Craig

1 Stewart, Nellie 5 —
2 — 6 Walter
3 — 7 William F.
4 Herb 8 Mrs. W. F. Craig

Plot #67 Samuel Carson

1 Vernon 5 Allen O.
2 — 6 —
3 Samuel 7 —
4 Loretta 8 —

Plot #66 Arthur Carson

1 — 5 —
2 Arthur 6 —
3 — 7 —
4 — 8 —

Plot #65 Luther Samis

1 — 5 Davis, Laura
2 Edgar Fred Davis (crem.)
3 Baby Doris Davis 6 —
& Charles Elmer 7 —
4 Luther 8 Martha

Plot #64 Steve Samis

1 Steve 5 —
2 Rosa 6 —
3 Elizabeth T. (Betty) 7 —
4 Allen Perin (Ted) 8 —

Plot #95 Walter Shultz

1 Louise, Mrs. Walter 5 —
2 Walter 6 —
3 — 7 —
4 — 8 —

Plot #102 Hugh Crozier

1 — 5 —
2 — 6 —
3 — 7 —
4 — 8 —

Plot #103 Hugh Crozier

1 — 5 —
2 — 6 —
3 — 7 —
4 — 8 —

Range 7

4 Nicolson, William 8 Jack G.

Plot #75 John Harrold

1 Mrs. Harry (Bessie) 5 —
2 Harry 6 —
3 William N. 7 —
4 Mrs. John (Jessie) 8 William

Plot #76 William Maxfield

1 — 5 —
2 — 6 —
3 Catherine 7 —
4 William 8 Pecunier, Mrs. J.

Plot #77 Mrs. Frank Fowler

1 Frank 5 Mae
2 Rozell, Mrs. 6 Cecil
X-Mrs. F. Fowler 7 Mrs. C.
3 — 8 —
4 Gordon R. Fowler

Plot #78 United Church

1 Matheson, Baby 5 —
2 Brunten, Doug 6 —
3 — 7 —
4 Lavers, James 8 —

Plot #79 Charles McLaughlin

1 Charles 5 —
2 Agnes 6 Baby
3 — 7 —
4 Mrs. A. 8 —

Plot #80 Logan Shultz

1 — 5 —
2 — 6 —
3 Shultz, Logan 7 —
4 — 8 —

Plot #81 J.J. Ferguson

1 Ferguson, J.J. 5 —
2 Mrs. J.J. 6 —
3 — 7 —
4 — 8 —

Plot #82 Mrs. J. S. Samis

1 — 5 —
2 — 6 —
3 — 7 —
4 — 8 —

1 — 5 —
2 — 6 —
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4 — 8 —

Plot #105 Warren Gauthier

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2 — 6 —
3 — 7 —
4 — 8 —

1 — 5 —
2 — 6 —
3 — 7 —
4 — 8 —

Range 6

Namao Cemetery Map from August 26, 1884 to February 17, 1991

Range 5

Lane 1

Plot #91 D. B. Wilson

1 Nellie	5 —
2 Mrs. D. B.	6 —
3 D. B. Wilson	7 —
4 Georgena	8 Hock, J. W.

Lane 2

Plot #90 Harry Speers

1 Murray, William	5 —
2 —	6 —
3 Speers, Annie	7 Speers, Dorothy
4 —	8 —

Lane 3

Plot #89 Robert Bailey Sr.

1 John B.	5 Parobchak, Frank
2 Walter	6 Parobchak, Sarah
3 Robert Sr.	7 —
4 Annie	8 —

Lane 4

Plot #88 Robert Bailey

1 Robert	5 —
2 Helen	6 —
3 —	7 —
4 —	8 —

Lane 5

Plot #87 Thomas McBride

1 Gordon	5 —
2 Thomas E.	6 —
3 Pearl C.	7 —
4 —	8 —

Lane 6

Plot #86 R.F. Williams

1 Mrs. R. F. Williams	5 —
2 R. F. Williams	6 —
3 —	7 —
4 —	8 —

Lane 7

Plot #85 Thomas Neil & Nat Law

1 Neil Thomas	5 Neil, Joseph
2 —	6 Neil, Margaret
3 Law, Bella	7 —
4 Law, Nat	8 —

Lane 8

Plot #84 Mrs. E. Berg

1 Baby girl Kelly	5 Baby Kelly
2 Graham, Jennie	6 —
3 Graham, Earl	7 —
4 —	8 —

Lane 9

Plot #83 Lyman Shultz

1 Burt B.	5 Byron
2 Minnie	6 —
3 —	7 —
4 —	8 —

Lane 10

Plot #104 Mrs. Leo Huber

1 Leo	5 Shortt, Douglas
2 —	6 —
3 —	7 —
4 —	8 —

Lane 11

1 —	5 —
2 —	6 —
3 —	7 —
4 —	8 —

Lane 12

1 —	—
2 —	—

Range 4

Plot #92 William Pollard

1 Arthur J.	5 Brown, Albert
2 Charlotte	6 —
3 William	7 Brown, Mrs. A.
4 —	8 Brown, Archibald

Plot #93 A McNicol

1 McNicol, Catherine	5 —
2 —	6 —

Plot #93 B Weeks

3 —	7 —
4 Weeks, Elizabeth	8 —

Plot #94 James Johnson

1 James Jr.	5 —
2 Mrs. James	6 —
3 James William	7 —
4 —	8 —

Plot #100 R. J. Kindleman's

1 —	5 —
2 —	6 —

Merrilyn Robertson's (Huot)

3 Robertson, R.	7 —
4 Colin	8 —

Plot #97 R. McNeilly

1 Bob	5 —
2 —	6 —
3 Al, Mrs. Red	7 —
4 Robert Sr.	8 John

Plot #98 John Pearse

1 George William	5 —
2 —	6 —
3 —	7 —
4 —	8 —

Plot #99 Fred Moninger

1 Mrs. A. Monninger	5 —
2 —	6 —
3 —	7 —
4 —	8 —

Plot #96 Ernie Bell

1 —	5 —
2 —	6 —
3 —	7 —
4 —	8 —

Plot #101 Mrs. S. Weiss

1 Weiss, Sidney	5 —
2 —	6 —

Plot #107 Frank Bushman

3 Bushman, Frank	7 —
4 —	8 —

Plot #106 Gordon Walker

1 Mrs. S. Walker	5 —
2 —	6 —
3 —	7 —
4 —	8 —

Plot #108 Ada Jane Hogg N ½

1 —	5 —
2 —	6 —
3 —	7 —
4 —	8 —

Range 3

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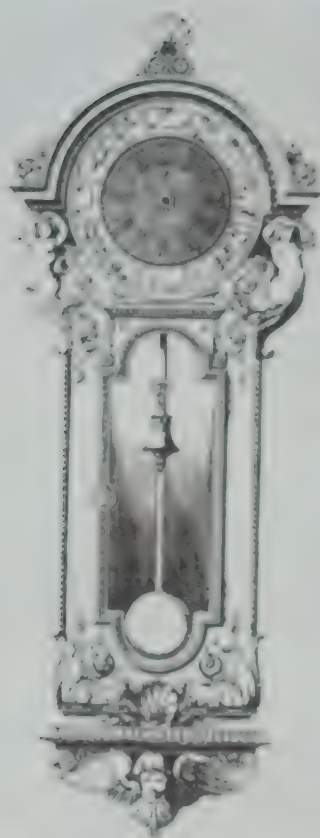
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Lane 13
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Range 5

Range 4

Range 3



EVERYDAY THANKSGIVING

Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings each morning,

Thank you, Lord, that I can hear.

There are those who are deaf.

Even though I keep my eyes tightly closed against the morning lights as long as possible,

Thank you, Lord, that I can see.

There are many who are blind.

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off the physical effort of rising,

Thank you, Lord, that I have the strength to rise.

There are many who are bedfast.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned, tempers are short,

Thank you, Lord, for my family.

There are many who are lonely.

Even though our breakfast table never looks like the pictures in the ladies' magazine, and the menu is at times unbalanced,

Thank you, Lord, for the food we have.

There are many who are hungry.

Even though the routine of my job is often monotonous,

Thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work.

There are many who have no work.

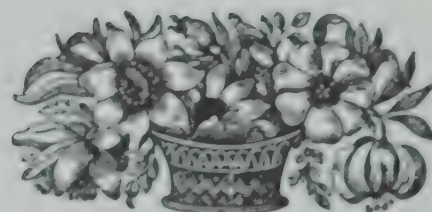
Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day, and wish my modest circumstances were not quite so modest,

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of life.

- Author Unknown

A Cheerful Word

A cheerful word can bring the light
Of joy to someone's eyes,
Just as the lovely rainbow
Brings color to the skies.
We never know, along our way,
The good that we may do
Or the lives that we may brighten
With just a word or two.



Special Events Over The Last 30 Years



Tornado clouds, July 31, 1987.

HI-LITES OVER LAST 25 YEARS

1974 — Catholic Parish organized and sharing the Namao United Church.

1976 — Namao Service Station closed.

1977 — Sturgeon Composite High School opened.

1981 — Organization of Namao Agricultural Society.

1981 — Dedication of the Bell, donated by the Long families.

1981 — Latest annexation of Edmonton affecting Sturgeon.

1983 — 100th Anniversary of Namao United Church.

1984 — Pope's visit to Namao.

1985 — Namao Fire Hall opened.



Barn after storm, July 31, 1987.

1985 — Controlled burning of white school at Namao.

1986 — 100th Anniversary of Namao School.

1987 — Tornado hit area (Black Friday).

1989 — 50th Anniversary of Sturgeon School Division.

1990 — Post Office closed in Namao Store.

1991 — G.S.T. came into effect.

CANADIAN FORCES BASE (LANCASTER PARK)

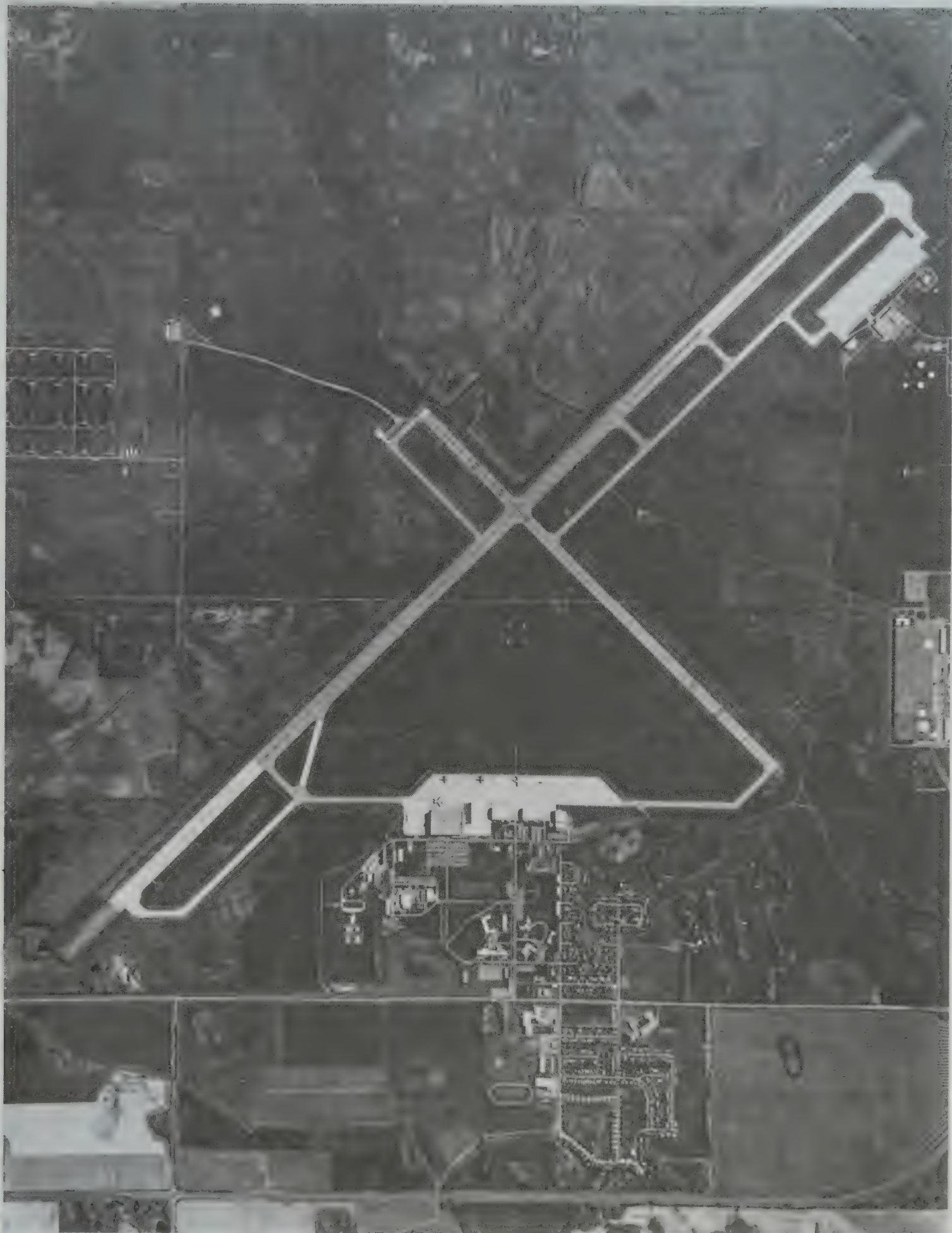
by Frank Fay

The Canadian Forces Base (Lancaster Park), with Namao Airfield, is situated in the centre of the Namao Community. Since the construction of the Base in 1939-40, the military personnel and the members of the community have enjoyed a close relationship. The facilities at the Base and those at Namao have been shared by both.

In the 1950s-1960s-1970s, the Lancaster Park Curling Club could not have survived without the support of the people from the Namao Community who made up 40% of the membership. The Golf Club at the Base was also supported by the

Namao Community. The Minor Hockey League has always been a joint venture between the Namao Community and Military personnel. During the late 1960s, when there was no ice arena at the Military Base, the rink at Namao School was home ice for the Minor Hockey League. These are only a few examples of the close relationship between the military personnel and the members of the local Namao Community.

The constant disruption of the usual peace and quiet of country living, which has resulted from low-flying aircraft from Namao Airport, has been accepted as a way of life by Namao local residents. To show their appreciation and to better inform the people in the local surrounding area, the Base and 435 Transport Squadron held a "Farmers Day" in November of 1983. The visitors were escorted to the briefing room in Five Hangar where they were welcomed by the Base Commander, Colonel Peter DeTracey, who gave a talk on the function of the various units on the Base. This was followed by a briefing on the roles of 435 Squadron by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Brent Abbott. The highlight of the day was a flight for the visitors around the local area



Canadian Forces Base (Lancaster Park).

in three C-130 Hercules aircraft. After the flight, the visitors and their hosts proceeded to the Officers Mess for lunch and refreshments.

Not to be outdone by the Military, the farmers held a "Flyers Day" at the Hugh Crozier Dairy Farm. A tour of the farm and the dairy operation was conducted by Hugh's sons, Les and Lee. To provide entertainment, the Base Commander, 435 Squadron Commander, and Frank Fay demonstrated their prowess at "STEER RIDING". These demonstrations were of a very short duration. Lunch and refreshments were served in the spacious family room at Lee Crozier's home.

These gatherings have done much to promote a better understanding between local residents and the military members at the Base.

THE NATURAL GAS COMING TO THE AREA

by Jack Speers

In 1966 the people of the Sturgeon area decided that it was about time to try to get the natural gas piped to the farms in the area, so they formed an association known as the Sturgeon Gas Co-op.

The first members were selected in 1967, consisting of Adolf Boissonnault, Wes Carleton, Bill Gibson, Vera Huber, Bob Kindelman, Walter Maxfield, Reg Nelsen, Gunnar Okerman, Dan Record and Jack Speers. Jack was elected as Chairman and Vera as Secretary Treasurer and remained in those positions until the Co-op was dissolved in October of 1984.

Its function was to tender for the installation of a gas line, find the best method of purchasing the gas, and create a medium for the farmers to be able to borrow money at a reasonable rate of interest. In 1967, the Co-op was able to borrow money from the Alberta Treasury Branch with 6% interest for a term of 10 years. That method of borrowing money only lasted for one year. In 1968 Treasury Branch wouldn't lend any more money to the Co-op so the Toronto Dominion Bank came up with a system where the Co-op could borrow money with interest of 1% above prime interest, (prime interest was what the banks charged for money lent to its least risk customers).

The cost of gas to each customer was \$750.00 plus the right to let the gas line go through their property at no additional cost to the Co-op.

The contract to put the gas lines into the area, supply the gas and collect the gas bills, went to Plains Western Gas and Electric Co. (now known as ICG Utilities). They contracted the installation of the gas lines to Scotapole Construction.

The first year there were only ten customers getting gas but, by the end of 1984, the Co-op had over seven hundred people getting gas in the area, which went from the city limits on the south to four miles north of Bon Accord, Highway 2 on the west and four miles east of Namao.

The Co-op decided to disband in 1979 because the subdivisions came in, and as the developers were using the Co-op to extract more money from buyers and Plains Western was doing all the work, it seemed useless to continue. The co-op had to wait until all the loans had been paid, which took until October of 1984.

HISTORY OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF STURGEON

The Cameo of the West, compiled by Bertha Speers, documented the history of Sturgeon to 1966-67 at which time the county of Sturgeon No. 15 reverted to the previous status of Municipal District of Sturgeon and Sturgeon School District No. 24.

Until 1977-78, the Municipal District and the School District utilized the same office building in Morinville but the need for more space moved the school district offices to the remodeled Cunningham School. Regional Recreation, which had been operating out of the Cunningham School, moved to the municipal office.

Since 1966, a number of annexations have altered the size of the municipal district. Annexations by the towns within the municipal district have contributed to an increase in their sizes and an obvious decrease in the M.D. size.

The largest annexation was that of the city of Edmonton in January 1982 which involved about 30,000 acres, the approximate annual assessment loss of \$10,000,000.00 and an estimated \$2,000,000.00 in annual taxation revenue loss.

On September 1, 1977 a large land transfer from the county of Thorhild to 65,000 acres with an annual assessment of \$12,000,000.00 was gained by the Municipal District of Sturgeon. The greatest portion of this assessment was garnered from the Esso Fertilizer plant near Redwater.

Although agriculture remains the primary industry in Sturgeon, there is a good percentage of heavy industrial assessment.

Since 1966, there has been great pressure to permit an increasing number of country residential developments and in order to conserve land for agriculture, the Edmonton Regional Planning Commission, with the co-operation of the munic-

ipality, has been able to keep the use of agricultural land for residential development at a reasonable level.

In the late 1960s and early '70s, developed lots for housing became in short supply. So a market opened for lots in the country surrounding Edmonton. These lots were given the name country residential. The first country lots were not serviced; that is, water and sewer were not supplied. In short, they just had the power and natural gas supplied to their lots along with a gravel road. This was called a "Phenomenon" which was peculiar to just a few parts of the continent mainly around larger cities.

Country residential Multi-lot Subdivisions are very popular in the M.D. especially along the Sturgeon River. The newer subdivisions are fully serviced, and have paved roads paid for by the developer. Country residential multi-lot subdivisions are hard to get serviced because they have no status, e.g. "Hamlet", therefore don't qualify for provincial government grants.

The Edmonton Regional Planning Commission was the approving authority for all subdivision development in the Edmonton Metropolitan area.

In the Sturgeon area, there is a great pressure to approve the subdivision of land. The approving authorities have done a commendable job of keeping them to a minimum because country residential subdivision uses up a lot of land that might be of agricultural value.

There is generally a good feeling, and co-operation between farmers, who generally have been here the longest, and country residential people who, for the most part, are new arrivals to the area.

NAMAO AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FLOAT

submitted by Derek Nielsen — on behalf of the Namao Agricultural Society



• Namao Agricultural Society Float.

Namao Agricultural Society float got started in 1984 at Lester's Ball Tournament by the "Dekes of Hazard" team. Always eager to do something different "just for fun", the group started with Larry Paul's hay wagon, a lot of antiques, old barn wood, and built the float around the "Beverly Hillbillies" theme. At the suggestion of several people who greatly enjoyed looking at the float, we decided to enter some local parades. In St. Albert, we forgot to fill out an entry form — no prizes for us — Oops! — but the spectators still enjoyed our float. We entered the Morinville Frontier Daze parade as the "Derek's Welding & Service Ltd." float, pulled by Melvin Clark's John Deere tractor. There we won "Best Comical Entry" and "Best Overall Entry". Encouraged by these awards, we built on (ideas continued to flow), a barn over our tractor, and a doghouse for Moses (Bowmans' dog — the spittin' image of the Clampetts' hound). Building for K-Days, we decided to enter Fort Saskatchewan's Silver Spur Rodeo parade. En route past Johnny's Store, Art Low found out that this particular float gets a speed wobble at about 45 m.p.h. — was he busy! But we made it to Fort Saskatchewan and won "Best Novelty" and "Best Overall" awards. Three days later, we were ready for K-Days 1984, under the new name of "Namao Agricultural Society". We were originally turned down for this parade (due to lack of bright colors, etc.), but with lots of persistence, they had no choice but to accept our entry, and (SURPRISE!) we won "Best Association Entry".



Namao Agricultural Society Float.

Then on November 17, 1984, we entered the Grey Cup Parade with a 1921 Edmonton Eskimos theme. Donna Briggs disguised herself as an aged "Miss Grey Cup 1921", and a bunch of guys dressed up as old-time football players. Ernie Afaganis said (on TV) that we were having more

fun than anyone in the world! (We were sure trying.) We won "Best Association" award. We caused a bit of turmoil when we pulled into the Westin Hotel Valet Parking (just for fun!). For our next endeavor, we decided to try a road trip to the Calgary Stampede 1985. We added some more improvements, making the float 30 feet longer (c/w dance floor). Our road trip was a bit hectic right from the start. We lost 2 of Cliff Crozier's Bantam roosters just on the south side of Edmonton. But we caught them, and drew quite a crowd while doing it! We got to Calgary late and got up early — not much sleep. En route to our marshalling spot (about 6 blocks away), one of the rear wheels fell right off the float! ("Not to worry — we got out, picked it up, dragged along like a lame duck and got into position). Going against the odds and racing the clock . . . before we even got everything hooked up together, we took first place in their "Western and Historical" category, (not bad, considering that's what the Calgary Stampede is all about!) Two weeks later, on July 17, 1985, for our "last hurrah", we entered the K-Days parade once again and walked away with "Best Klondike Theme", "Best Towns and Villages" and "Best OVERALL" awards. We made the CBC news, as well as articles in the Journal and local papers.



Namao Agricultural Society Float.

As described in the newspapers:

"pulled by a one-ton, dual-wheeled pickup truck, the float is a mishmash of odds and ends found in and around barnyards. One section is actually a chicken coop complete with about a dozen Bantam chickens, while yet another section comes complete with its own outdoor privy. Also aboard the 4-part

float (which has a total length of over 100 feet) are a dance floor, steaming still, bathtub (c/w sudsy women), smoking potbelly stove, doghouse, sod, flowers, saddle, hangman's noose, horseshoes, weather vane, old car parts, traps, jugs and other antiques — all arranged in a humorous way."



Namao Agricultural Society Float.

With very little cost (except for beer) and a lot of man-hours, we had outdone 110 other floats (many of which cost thousands of dollars!) And we had a lot of fun doing it! Our special thanks to all those who helped by lending us your antiques and other props, and to everyone who participated (about 40 in each parade). Your ideas, costumes and antics helped greatly to make our float a success.

NORTHPOINT (SUBDIVISION)

In 1963 Jack and Olive Harrold subdivided land, developing one of the first acreage subdivisions in the M.D. of Sturgeon. The first phase consisted of seven lots along the south boundary of S½ NE 13-54-25-W4. In the spring of 1964 four homes were under construction. The remaining fifteen lots and circle road were completed within the next couple of years.

Lot 1	R & R Tymo — 1964
Lot 2	K & E McMillan — 1964
Lot 3	F & F Dumong
Lot 4	F & M Negroiff — 1965, S & S Gordichuk, A & P Cantin
Lot 5	M & H Fedorchuk — 1964
Lot 6	B & T Clarke, C & A Beerwaard
Lot 7	M & B Kolba — 1964, J & L Hebein, R & B Beatty, J & C Shaw, Kaminsky
Lot 8, 9, 10	parkland
Lot 11	M & H Crawford — 1965, A&E Chase, A & M Zelmer — 1983
Lot 12	A & P Petryshyn — 1969
Lot 13	T & T Zubis — 1968
Lot 14	J & L Letcher — 1967, S & E Kitchen, D & G Mitchell, G & R Caruk — 1989



North Point Subdivision. L-R: Adam Petryshyn, Morris Petryshyn and Allan Chase.

Lot 15	K & L Diprose — 1967, K Newfield, L & D Lundgren, I & T Gray
Lot 16	Bardens — 1967, P & E Sawchyn
Lot 16A	F & R Bazinet — 1976
Lot 17	E & T Krysko — 1967, A & M Davidson — 1985
Lot 18	M & C Laws, B & D Burard, H & P Hursey — 1972
Lot 19	W & V Dieckman
Lot 20	D & D Zaylo — 1976
Lot 21	H & D Radzick
Lot 22	A Bordush

WINNIFRED STEWART HELPED MENTALLY HANDICAPPED LEARN

Developed her own teaching methods for children

HELEN PLISCHKE

Journal Staff Writer

Edmonton

An Edmonton woman renowned for her dedication to teaching mentally handicapped children died Friday in Kelowna. Dr. Winnifred Stewart was 82 years old.

Love for her own handicapped son, Parker, and a desire to help him learn motivated Dr. Stewart, with the co-operation of other parents, to form the Edmonton Association for Retarded Children in 1953.

In addition to the Winnifred Stewart School, opened in 1955, Dr. Stewart established curriculums for handicapped children across Alberta, Saskatchewan, the Northwest Territories, and consulted on a national basis.

She saw a lack of services for the mentally handicapped in Alberta and helped turn social stigma into community acceptance by developing her own teaching methods for children who were



Winnifred Stewart in 1982.

branded hopeless, said Murray Lindsay, current president of the Winnifred Stewart Association.

"I held the greatest respect for Dr. Stewart and what she's done. It took a lot of tenacity and love to do that. In the '50s, you have to appreciate the environment she was in."

Born at Fernie, B.C., she came to Edmonton with her family about 1912. She lived for some time in the Clover Bar district where her father, Levi Parker, was in the coal mining business.

After attending school at Clover Bar and Edmonton, Dr. Stewart graduated in nursing from the General Hospital in 1929. In 1932 she married Duncan Stewart.

Dr. Stewart started her association with a meeting of six parents and four interested persons in 1953. A notice in the paper drew 30 mothers of handicapped children to the association.

Dr. Stewart was the first woman to address the Alberta legislature from the floor of the house, and her address resulted in the first recognition by a government in Canada to provide financial aid for the education of mentally handicapped children.

Dr. Stewart was awarded Edmonton's Citizen of the Year award in 1966, the Order of Canada in 1972, the Alberta Order of Excellence in 1985, and an honorary doctor of law degree from the University of Alberta in 1985.

After years of growth, development and change, the association was re-named the Winnifred Stewart Association for the Mentally Handicapped last January. Today, 65 mentally handicapped adults attend her school for education and social skills.

Details of a memorial service to be held in Edmonton will be announced later.

*Footnote:

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A small record of the weather summer 1903.

Sept 2 May the Lord look over us what is the matter.
Here we are now Sept and still raining.
It has rained all summer nearly every day.
We have not had a weeks dry weather all summer
and it has continued so cold that one would
not what season of the year it was were it now
for the month.

Our crops are very good they have a tendency to
be heavy. but alas how green yet and not the
least sign of dryer weather.

We have had three slight frosts already but
I do not think they did much damage.

I cut five acres of barley half ripe on Aug 28th
and 3 acres of wheat. partly ripe yesterday.

Hardly any grain around here is cut yet nor
will be for the next two weeks.

Sept 18th Yesterday and the day before was the only two fine
harvest days we have had so far today showers.
On the 20th heavy frosts and ever since then
more or less. grain all froze I have about 4
days cutting yet cutting green feed at present

18th I may remark 2 days of sunshine in Sept. to date
Oct 4th What a season rain rain never dry till the
27th 3 fine days then a snow storm on the 2nd
about 8 inches of snow today fine but hard
frost. A lot of grain not cut yet owing to the wet

Nov 8th In the fall since last writing the weather got
dry and fine up till after New Year. with hardly
any snow. Then it began and we have had
as steady a long cold winter as we have seen snow
on the river today is over two feet deep Roads blocked

May 12th Spring very dry no rain finished sowing oats yesterday.
Crops looking fairly well.

Memories



Lady in picture is Bertha Speers (Samis), first teacher.

OUT OF THE PAST

Out of the past comes a voice,
A voice that cannot be heard,
A voice that quickens our memories,
Without even speaking a word.

It's the past that lies far behind us:
The weeks, the months and the years.
The picture of this land with its settlers:
Their hopes, their joys, and their tears.

When there were no fences, towns, or cities,
Few women and not many men,

Just miles and miles of this country,
For a moment let us live it again.

The loneliness of the evenings,
The birds and the sun at rest,
The sight of a log house in winter,
This was the west at its best.

No time for regretting or wishing,
No time for sadness or tears,
But a time for all to rejoice in,
The west, and the West's early years.

Adapted from "Leaves of a Medicine Tree"
Author Unknown

Plucky pioneers settled in Namao

by ANDREA MAYNARD

Gazette Staff Writer

NAMAO — It took John and Janet Harrold two weeks to get here from Calgary, and that was only part of their journey. But then there wasn't any highway.

The Harrolds, along with their six children, arrived in the Namao area with \$600 to their names May 1888. They had come from Scotland after two months of travel by boat and ox-cart.

Sometimes they felt like turning back, when they crossed the Old Man River, for example.

Six-year-old Willie climbed onto a box of freight. After hearing a loud cry for help, the family noticed the box, with Willie inside, was missing — it was rapidly headed downstream. Only luck saved him when he was washed ashore.

Today, the grandchildren of the Harrolds can only imagine what their grandparents went through to come to Alberta. But they will never take the sacrifices and hardships for granted, said Maxine LeClair, a granddaughter.

That is why about 200 relatives plan to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the first Harrolds, now considered one of the oldest families in the MD of Sturgeon.

The first Harrolds came here after hearing glowing reports about Canada from an uncle, William Nicolson.

After the arrival of the Harrold family, with children aged 14 months to 12 years, Nicolson, a bachelor, found out life with a large family wasn't as easy as he thought. "Some of his animals, which were used to the quiet life, disappeared into the woods and were not found for days," recalled LeClair, 64, with the help of a Namao history book.

And Janet was so homesick in the first years, she often said she would walk home, said LeClair. But as it turned out, she never did return to Scotland and learned to love her new home.

When the family left Nicolson's farm after six months to stay at the old Lawrence Rye ranch, life remained challenging. The cows there had to be hog-tied to be milked, said LeClair. And the oxen were so stubborn that the Harrold boys couldn't turn them.

To get the animals to fall in line the boys tied baling wire to the oxen's ears. It seemed a promising solution — until the first pull of the wire. The oxen stampeded in what was described as the worst runaway in the history of the MD.

The same year, Father Harrold thought to impress the folks back in Scotland by sending a souvenir. He had shot a bear that had visited the ranch, and mailed its paw home.

"That may account for the lack of immigration from Caithness, Scotland, for many years," said LeClair. "Father Harrold was a real character."



Back, L-R: Jessie, William, Harry, John. Front, L-R: Janet, John and Donald. Top Right: Dave.

After spending three years on the ranch, the family moved to their own place.

The 18 grandchildren of those pioneering Harolds keep the family memories alive. They have spent about a year organizing an anniversary to be held July 29 to Aug. 1. And they've even compiled a family history book and created souvenir plates to be sold for the occasion.

HUTCHINGS, T. G.

T. G. Hutchings and his wife Sarah Jane Stanton arrived in Winnipeg in 1879. They were outfitted by brother E. F. Hutchings with Red River cart, oxen and supplies for their journey to Hay Lakes, N.W.T. Thomas and Sarah Jane stayed at Hay Lakes until 1885. They lived on 90 acres called Little Mountain, located on 66th Street, four miles south of the correction line in the summer time and in Edmonton in the winter where he had a row of cottages and a two storey house on Isabella Street, (now 104th Avenue, between 95th and 96th Street). They also lived on Spring Farm which is three miles south of the correction line on 50th Street.

Bridges in Sturgeon

We were compelled to have the bridge built across the river on Section 10, owing to the road allowance crossing the old bed of river which would be harder to bridge than the main stream as your Hon will see by the accompanying sketch, and also require 3 bridges instead of one. You will also please notice that the plan of bridge furnished you was only 70 feet long, and the one now built being 87 feet, therefore causing an extra bent and 17 feet more covering, and 4 rods, making the bridge built 100 more expensive than the one furnished in plan (N.V.). Therefore we hope that your Hon will see fit to grant the said amount towards its construction.

Sturgeon River } Committee
April 1st 1886 } David Craig
J. E. Ingram.
J. H. Carson

We the undersigned committee in behalf of the Sturgeon River Settlers, have examined the bridge built by H. B. Wilson across the Sturgeon River on Section 10, Township Range, 24 West of the 4th principal initial meridian. And have found it built according to a contract entered into between the said H. B. Wilson and the committee. We therefore in behalf of the said settlers accept the bridge from the contractor (H. B. Wilson) and in lieu of payment recommend the said H. B. Wilson to Mrs Samuel Cunningham M. R. C. to receive the sum of \$400.00 four hundred dollars being the amount granted by His Hon the Lieutenant Governor as a supplement towards the building the said bridge.

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GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
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DO NOT WRITE ABOUT MORE THAN
ONE SUBJECT IN ANY LETTER.
AND REFER TO OUR FILE
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THE DEPUTY MINISTER
OF PUBLIC WORKS
EDMONTON.
REFER TO FILE 570.
sb EDMONTON, Sept. 15th, 1906.

Memo. for File 570,-

Gave Mr. Johnson verbal instructions this date to take out two wheel scrapers and two or three slushers to use grading up the approaches to bridges at Wilson's Crossing Sturgeon River. If the settlers affected or the local improvement organization will turn in, in addition to what they have done and give him assistance on this work, he is to make a pretty fair road of it, though not complete. On the other hand, if they do not give him this assistance, he is to put the immediate approaches to the bridges in good condition, but leave the balance of the road barely passable. The wheelers and slushers taken from here to be returned, when he moves in from work north.

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1st April, 1898.

Sir:-

Replying to your report of the 28th Ult, relative to the bridge over Sturgeon River, known as the Wilson bridge, and suggesting that instead of repairing the old bridge in the manner proposed, that a new bridge should be built on the road allowance, and proper culverts provided in the ~~road allowance~~ ^{sloughs} on the road allowance, I beg to say that your suggestion regarding the repair of the old bridge by the Statute Labor District, and the making of provision in the new estimates for the bridge in question, and the culverts referred to is approved. Kindly deal with the matter in this way.

over file
April 26/0

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner.

T. W. Chalmers Esq.,

District Engineer.

Edmonton Alta.,

STURGEON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

548,

Morinville, Alta., Sept. 21/26.

Deputy Minister,
Dept. of Public Works,
Edmonton.

Sir:-

Re Bridges.

I am instructed by the Council of this Municipality to advise you that the flooring of the bridges across the Sturgeon River, known as the Wilson, Kelly and McDonald bridges, needs replacing and to request that you will be good enough to have plank for these bridges shipped to Carbondale. The Councillor for the division in which these bridges are is Mr. Harry Bell, of Nampa, who will arrange to haul the plank from this siding and proceed to refloor the bridges.

Since these bridges are in a condition dangerous to traffic, the council would be obliged if you will give this matter your immediate attention.

Your obedient Servant,

G. Morris,

SECY. TREAS.

CARDIFF MINES

by Florence (Kieser) Vranas

In the early part of this century, many coal mines sprang up in Alberta, and these areas became important coal producers. Cardiff was one of these as mines began to appear in this district about 1902. Later, three mines flourished side by side, with all the coal being extracted by manpower.

The largest was the Cardiff Coal Company, which employed 250 men underground and 30 men above ground. It had an output of twelve hundred tons per day, which was 45 boxcars (peak). Twenty-one horses were kept underground to pull the coal cars on tracks as the men filled them. A 150 horsepower generator in the boiler room produced electricity to draw the filled cars out of the mine, up to the tippie, and to run the shakers.

The Alberta and Banner Mines were of smaller capacity, and each employed about 125 men.

1917 was one of the best years of production, with the three mines together putting out one thousand seven hundred (1700) boxcars of coal in the month of January of that year. Two trainloads of coal left Cardiff every day, heading for Winnipeg and many points in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Two strikes took place in Cardiff, one in 1919 and the other in 1922. The miners requested higher wages, and had formed a union, which was never recognized by the mine companies. The miners picketed, and police were called to keep order. A resident, now deceased, remembered observing four policemen with rifles, patrolling the main road through Cardiff. One was injured by the strikers.

Many men came to this region in hopes of acquiring better wages in the mines. The people were



First Sundance Mines. Tippie located on the leased land of Levi Parker. Later a much larger tippie was built where Cardiff Park is located.

of various ethnic backgrounds and lived side by side in hastily built small homes, some of which were located on company lands. They lived in harmony, always ready to help each other in times of need.

Part of Cardiff was known as Pittsburgh (only on the blueprints), but even today the lots we own are legally in Pittsburgh. At the height of production the population was estimated from one thousand to near three thousand some winters.

Tradesmen were needed to meet the needs of the population. The town boasted a hotel with 60 bedrooms, large lobby, kitchen and very spacious dining room. A Chinese cook provided excellent meals. Mine leaders conducted their meetings in the attic of one portion of this building, which was destroyed by fire in 1922. Though this was not a licenced premise, the miners acquired alcoholic beverages elsewhere, and many homemade brews were consumed as well. The hotel, one store, first Post Office and one of the butcher shops were situated on the land that comprises the Cardiff Golf Course today. The town also had a United Church, school (later replaced by a two room unit), boarding houses, pool room, livery stable, stores, dance halls and train station. The miners had formed an orchestra, and provided the music for many dances. There was also an active theater group, who entertained here as well as in Edmonton.

Just out of town, Nel's establishment provided entertainment of a different kind for the weary miners.

After 1922 the mines gradually decreased in production, and most of the people moved elsewhere. Thus the town divided in size to a hamlet.

In 1945 a strip-mine came to Cardiff. It was Sundance Mines Ltd., who leased property owned by Levi Parker. Mr. Parker had previously bought the former Alberta Mine property, and had, for

a time, opened a smaller operation located at a different location on this land. This mine was no longer in production when Sundance Mines Ltd. struck a lease with Mr. Parker. Paul H. Cote of Edmonton was president of Sundance Mines Ltd., and the strip mine operated successfully until about 1959-60, when coal was no longer in great demand.

This mine had supplied coal not only to the surrounding district, but to the Power House in Edmonton, and by rail to Northern Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and even some to western Ontario.

Many local men were employed as heavy equipment operators, labourers and truckers. As well, there was an influx of workers especially from Saskatchewan. Labourers wages were 85¢ an hour at that time.

In 1976 HMS Properties bought 160 acres of the farmer, Levi Parker estate, and the land was registered as the subdivision of Cardiff Echoes.

Cardiff Park and the Cardiff Golf and Country Club are located where the former Cardiff and Banner Mines had been, as well as the Sundance strip mine. Cardiff Lake was formed by the strip-ping operation. The government reclaimed this land, and Sturgeon can be proud of these two facilities. The lake is stocked with rainbow trout and keeps many fishermen happy. Many ball tournaments are played on the four ball diamonds in the park, and there is a playground and lovely picnic area. All are well occupied in the summer.

The Cardiff Community Club was formed in 1975, and became a recognized registered club in 1979.

Cardiff now has a very functional community hall, four ball diamonds of our own, a skating rink that converts to tennis for the summer, and a new modern playground to be installed this spring.

Once more Cardiff is growing, with people of mixed ethnic backgrounds, ready and willing to work together for the good of the community.

STAR-KEY MINE

by Gertrude Holmgren Duxbury

In the thirties and early forties, until the end of World War Two, Mr. J.B. Starkey was the owner and operator of the Kent Mine on the Cooking Lake Trail, where Brown and Root is now situated.

By 1944 he realized that the coal was being depleted, and looked elsewhere for a mine site. This he found at Namao where he bought some land from Ken Samis.



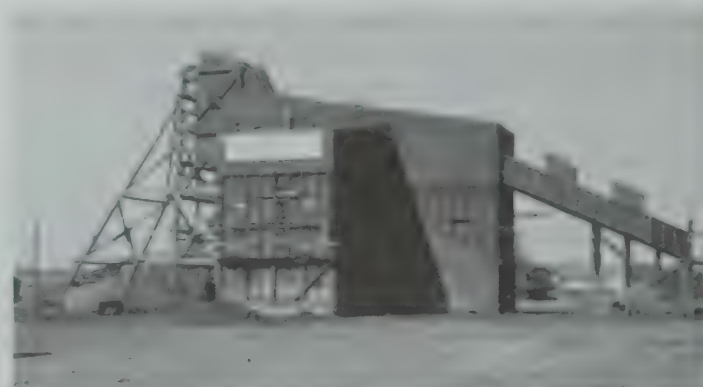
Star-Key Mine. Tipple built in 1945.

As soon as the coal season was finished in the spring of 1945, work was begun on the site. Excavation of the mine workings, a tipple, shop and wash house, and a well, had to be completed so that production could begin for the winter coal season ahead. The construction did go fairly well but did have a few problems. If my memory doesn't fail me, it seems that there was a problem with the wash house at the time that they were beginning to mine coal.

However, they did start producing coal and the Star-Key mine produced and sold a lot of coal for many years, unless we had a mild winter which, of course, meant less sales and less work for the miners.

I think it was in 1951 that the miners went on strike. The strike was not settled, but Mr. Starkey proposed a plan where the workers would receive a bonus at the end of the coal season. I believe it was called a benefit fund, and it depended on how many hours a man had worked on how much he would receive. Some received quite a large payment and others would get very little. The miners accepted this agreement and went back to work.

On January 4, 1958 the tipple burned to the ground. Construction was immediately started on



Star-Key Mine in 1970.

a small tippie so that business could continue for the rest of the winter. When the coal season ended, a new tippie was built and some of the miners were asked if they wished to work on the construction. Some did.

Of course, with the natural gas becoming more prominent on the farms, coal sales decreased.

By 1974 they were considering closing it completely. However, when two of the remaining shareholders died, the mine was taken over by Gil Ernst, who later sold it.

There was only one fatal accident down in the mine during the years of operation. However, during the rebuilding of the tippie in 1958, Jim McMillan was accidentally killed in a tornado which picked up a 2 x 4 and hit him on the temple.

The mine had an excellent mine rescue team that won awards at competitions.



L-R: Willard Worthington (manager), Kristina Holmgren from Sweden, Vic Smith and Doris Gervais, 1949.

CEMETERIES IN THE NAMAQ AREA

There were five cemeteries in the Namao area, along with what might be called some burial areas. There were some people buried down by the old mill site in the Sunnyside district. From what I understand, they were mostly people who died during the 'flu epidemic of 1919.

The Poplar Lake cemetery is located on 82 Street and 197 Avenue in Edmonton. The Evergreen Memorial Gardens is located on the old Fort Trail, 50 Street and 160 Avenue, in what is now Edmonton. The Little Mountain cemetery is located on the N.W. ¼ 33-53-23-4, a Presbyterian cemetery, also inside the city limits now. The Sunnyside cemetery, north of Highway 37 on Ken Rye's land on the NE ¼ 1-55-24-W4, was an English Church cemetery. The Namao cemetery, originally the Sturgeon cemetery, located south of Highway 37, the corner of Gordon Akerman's land on NE ¼ 31-54-24-W4, is a cemetery of no particular denomination.

Poplar Lake was an English Church Parish and cemetery. The church was a log building which burned down in the early twenties. The people of the area used the cemetery after that time, but today the place is grown up to trees and the grave stones are in disrepair.

A list of the known interred in the Poplar Lake cemetery:

Latimer, Howard, born December 14, 1894, died November 6, 1918.

Latimer, Howard Carson, born May 14, 1917, died Nov. 4, 1918.

Swan, a person by that name, 1908, age 38 years.

Swan, Rose Eleanor, born January 29, 1882, died January 27, 1921

Fielders, John G., born 1859, died June 1, 1911.

Fielders, Elizabeth, born in September 1860, died May 15, 1918, age 57.

McDearmaid, John, born 1888, died Jan. 5, 1911.

Kicked by a horse.

Sweetnam, Sarah, born 1869, died July 29, 1925.

Stoutenburg, Stella May, born December 18, 1894, died November 4, 1918.

There are probably more unidentified graves in that cemetery.

Sunnyside Cemetery

List of the Interred:

Squarebriggs, Annie Laurie, died Sept. 16, 1900 at 35 years of age. She was the wife of Dan. Plot #1.

Squarebriggs, Jenny, died before 1907 at the age of 18 years. She had T.B. Plot #1.

Squarebriggs, Dan. No dates available. Plot #1.

Taylor, George's two infants, 1896. Plot #2.

Brummer, Charles. No dates available. Plot #3.

Peters, Sarah Jane, born 15 Oct., 1881, died 17 Aug., 1896.

Peters, William Henry, born 23 Feb., 1884, died 1 Sept., 1893.

Peters, William Henry, child of Robert John, died of appendicitis.

Cardinal, Charles Francis, born 25 Dec., 1876, died 7 May, 1892.

Willows, George Henry, born in 1818, died 1 Sept., 1893.

Sleap, Edward, died 29 July, 1923. A traveling piano teacher.

Gibbons, William Reynolds, born 24 May, 1855, died 27 Feb., 1916. Plot #9.

Gibbons, Hannah Lucy, daughter of George and Hannah, born 26 Jan., 1923, died 3 Nov., 1923. Plot #10.

Hewitt, Benjamin, died 19 August, 1901, at age 58. Plot #11.

Hewitt, Wilbert E., died April 8 at age 12. Plot #12.

Kibblewhite, Mabel Amelia, interred 21 October, 1917. Age 32 years. Wife of George Kibblewhite. Plot unknown.

Gibbons, Susannah, interred 23 June, 1927. Age 74. Wife of William Reynolds Gibbons. Plot unknown.

Hewitt, Marianne, died in December of 1902. Wife of Benjamin Hewitt. Plot unknown.

Lucy, died in 1902, at the age of 5 years. Daughter of Jeff and Winnie Hewitt died of scarlet fever. Plot unknown.

Hewitt, Agnes, died in 1911, wife of Ernie, sister of John Milligan. Plot unknown.

Goodwin, Clair, died 1 December, 1910, at age 50. The wife of Archie Goodwin. Came from Wisconsin in 1909. Plot unknown.

Maxfield, Charles Clark, born 14 September, 1837, died January 1914. Husband of Janet Sudella. Plot unknown.

Maxfield, Janet Sudella, born 9 September, 1840, died 2 May, 1895. Plot unknown.

Carson, Priscilla Sybil, born December 1870, died 31 December, 1895. Daughter of C. C. and J. S. Maxfield. Wife of Joe Carson.

The Little Mountain Cemetery

The Little Mountain cemetery is now located in the annexed part of Edmonton. The address is 50 Street and 160 Avenue. The land location is on the NW ¼ 33-53-24-W4.

This cemetery appears to have started as a part of the Presbyterian church. Some of the early burials recorded are Alexander Cram, 3 May, 1895. The last burial recorded being Jim Moran of the 13 April, 1982. Some of the last burials have not been recorded as there has been no one found in the last few years to keep the register up to date.

The first page of the minute book records the

following: on 5 acres of land deeded by a Presbyterian church to be used as a cemetery.

A group of 16 district men established the Little Mountain cemetery. They were: Alf. Hutchings, John Kennedy, John Meneely, Jas. McDermid, Wm. Graham, Wm. Mitchell, Henry Borgwardt, Wm. Horricks, Nelson Gibson, James Cram, Turnbull Allan, Sydney Mearon, Thomas C. Hutchings, Donald McDonald, W. G. Spalding and Robert Fletcher.

The plots were \$7.00, single graves \$2.00, shares were sold for \$5.00.

The Evergreen Memorial Gardens

The Evergreen Memorial Gardens was established in 1947. To date, there have been 13,087 interments in the 92-acre cemetery. A map of that cemetery is in this book.

The Namao Cemetery

The map and list of the interred at Namao are also printed in this book.

SUMMARY OF FARMING OVER THE LAST 25 YEARS

by Cliff and Rita Crozier

There has been a great change in the farm business in the last twenty-five years. Our area of Sturgeon is well suited for mixed farming which was in vogue. Gradually, due to economic reasons, it has changed to specialty crops and livestock production.

The prices of farm commodities are the main reasons. Over the years, prices have continued to rise; for example, the price of A-1 steers has risen from \$26.00 per cwt. in 1968 to \$80.00 per cwt. in 1989. Hogs have followed the same pattern from \$27.00 per cwt. in 1968 to \$57.00 per cwt. in 1989. During this time period, there were great price fluctuations in both markets. In 1982 the price of hogs was \$82.00 per cwt. with a definite drop in 1983 to \$70.00 per cwt., caused mainly by over production.

Grain farms, in most cases, are getting larger due to some operators retiring, and their sons and daughters taking jobs off the farm. Thus the land is being rented out.

The prices of most grains fluctuate with supply and demand. In recent years, the European countries have changed from consumers to exporters. Nonboard prices of wheat in the 1970s of \$50.00 per cwt. increased to the present \$135.00 cwt., with many ups and downs in between. Barley and oats have experienced the same price fluctuations.

Consumers price index and farm input index, along with farm products index, have gradually risen. Taking 1970 as 100, the index of each of these has changed greatly.

In 1989 consumer price index was 357, farm

input 338, and farm products 267. Looking at these figures, one can see the economics of farming is gradually declining, thus forcing many farmers into bankruptcy.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, FARM INPUT PRICE INDEX AND FARM PRODUCT PRICE INDEX

YEAR	CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	1971 base FARM INPUT PRICE INDEX WESTERN CANADA	FARM PROD. PRICE INDEX	CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	1981 base FARM INPUT PRICE INDEX WESTERN CANADA	FARM PROD. PRICE INDEX
1961	74.9			31.6		
1962	75.9			32.0		
1963	77.2			32.6		
1964	78.6			33.2		
1965	80.5			34.0		
1966	83.5			35.2		
1967	86.5			36.5		
1968	90.0			38.0		
1969	94.1		103.2	39.7		34.4
1970	97.2		101.6	41.0		33.9
1971	100.0	100.0	100.0	42.2	33.7	33.4
1972	104.8	107.0	117.3	44.2	36.0	39.1
1973	112.7	125.0	185.6	47.6	42.1	61.9
1974	125.0	145.3	226.6	52.8	48.9	75.6
1975	138.5	163.0	216.0	58.5	54.9	72.1
1976	148.9	174.9	200.1	62.9	58.9	66.8
1977	160.8	179.5	193.0	67.9	60.5	64.4
1978	175.2	203.0	226.4	73.9	68.4	75.5
1979	191.2	237.9	268.8	80.7	80.1	89.7
1980	210.6	261.5	291.0	88.9	88.1	97.1
1981	236.9	296.9	299.7	100.0	100.0	100.0
1982	262.5	307.0	288.3	110.8	103.4	96.2
1983	277.6	307.6	283.5	117.2	103.6	94.6
1984	289.7	315.3	304.5	122.3	106.2	101.6
1985	301.3	317.1	283.2	127.2	106.8	94.5
1986	313.6	321.2	257.1	132.4	108.2	85.8
1987*	327.4	325.4	250.2	138.2	109.6	83.5
1988*	340.7	330.4	271.8	143.2	111.5	90.7
1989*	357.7	338.5	267.0		114.1	89.1

* — Subject to revision

est — Estimate

Comparative Prices of Early 1900s to 1990

Early 1900s		1991
\$1200.00	160 acres farmland	\$160,000.00
.22	oats/bushel	1.10
.45	wheat/bushel	2.95
.25	barley/bushel	1.80
48.00	a month's home rent in Edmonton	800.00
300.00	a year's rent of 160 acres farmland	4000.00

25.00	rm & board — farmhand/month — less taxes	2200.00
100.00	apprentice tradesman/month	1800.00
2.75	work boots + GST	125.00
1.25	work overalls	45.00
1.00	work underwear	50.00
12.00	men's suit	200.00
.25	men's haircut	8.00
.22	1 lb butter	2.70
.06	1 loaf bread	1.00

.05	an 8 oz bottle of Coke	1.00
.25	1 lb of steak	4.75
.03	stamps/each	.43
5.00	nails/100 lb	72.00
3.25	New Year's Eve — drink, food, dance	75.00

In 1902 a man could feed his horses and have a good lunch for fifty cents.

He could deliver a load of freight to Athabasca landing for fifteen dollars less three for expenses.



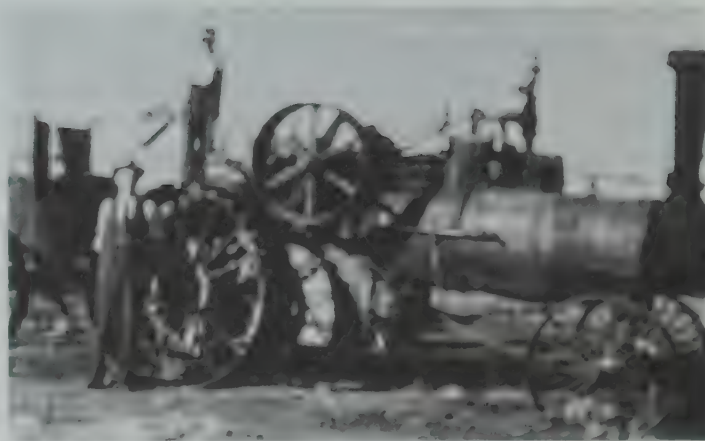
Huff's Maple Leaf Dairy.



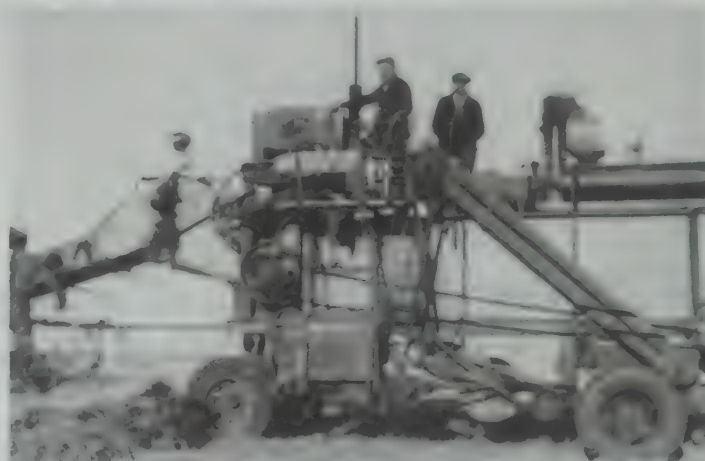
Long and Craig Steam Engine Threshing Outfit (Case). Standing on Tractor — Bert Long. Standing on grain tank — Stan Long.



Logan Shultz on tractor breaking up the land in 1920.



Stan Long beside the Long and Craig Steam Engine.



Huff's Thresher. Julius Dawson and Garnet Huff.



Tom Flynn's stooks of grain, 1910.



John Harrold's threshing outfit.



Threshing in the early days! 1 Harry Harrold, 2 , 3 , 4 Jack Petrie, 5 , 6 Fred Cousins, 7 Dave Harrold, 8 Donald Harrold, 9 (In Front) Johnny Harrold, 10 Willie Harrold, 11 Michel Callihoo, 12 John Harrold (Senior), 13 (at Caboose), 14 (In Front), 15 Lady (Mrs. J. Harrold, Sr.), 16 Jessie Harrold (Morris), 17 Lady.



Stationary Threshing Engine — Sawyer Massey Machine.



John Harrolds thresher with Namao buildings in the background.



Bill and Carrie Akerman and baby Daphne with their oxen in front of their sod house.

GUILBAULT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 2885

The Guilbault School District No. 2885 was formally established January 25, 1913. The school building was erected in the following year on the southeast corner of the Guilbault farm, SW 27-54-25-W4, after authorization was given to borrow \$1,000 for the construction. Arthur Guilbault was the senior School Trustee, and Napoleon Poirer of St. Albert was the Secretary-Treasurer. Since Arthur Guilbault was the owner of the land for the school, and felt it was so important to get an education, Villeneuve, Valcourt, Hogan, and Guilbault named the school Guilbault School. At that time, the closest school (Boulais, Boula) was four miles away in the district of Volmer. The first teacher, John P. LeBlanc, remained until June 1925. The family rumor had it that there was a

battle of wills between Arthur and the school representatives about where the school should be built, and Arthur won.

The school building was a one-room white building, with two small windows high above the blackboards on the east wall, and six large windows along the west wall. Library facilities consisted of one cabinet with three or four shelves, which accommodated about 40 to 50 books. Water, for both washing and drinking, was hauled from the nearest farmyard well in pails. A pot bellied stove supplied the heat during winter months. It was situated about six feet from the back wall, so the pupils nearby had heat, while those at the front were usually cold. Bathroom facilities were the outdoor type, one for the boys and another for the girls, at opposite ends of the schoolyard. A small barn accommodated the two or three horses which were ridden or driven to school by some of the children. Most walked both summer and winter.

Enrolment until the 1930s was about 25-30 pupils from Grades 1 to 8, all taught by one teacher. In 1917, the students listed below were given certificates of exemption, permitting them to go threshing, digging or seeding potatoes, seeding crops, at home, attending Church for catechism, cold weather or illness. The teacher was John P. LeBlanc, and the students were: BELLEROSE, Lucy, Alice, John, Thos, Willie and Lizzy; MARASSE, Raoil; CHRYSTAL, Morris; ARCAND, Richard; KLUTHE, George; TERRAULT, Paul, Toussaint and Rennie. In 1926, and again in 1930, the Inspector of Schools requested



Guilbault School

information as to why three students received instructions in Grade 9 when the school was only authorized to teach Grades 1 to 8. There was a threat of the regular school grant being withheld if no reply from the Trustees was forwarded quickly.

In 1932, a woman, Mrs. Louise Arcand, was elected trustee by acclamation at the annual meeting, on nomination by Mr. F. Flynn and Mr. Pete Bellerose. Mr. A. C. Arcand was Secretary until 1939. Two men served as chairman of the annual meetings, and they were Geo. H. Ryan, 1932-37, and Mr. Rene Terrault, 1938-39. Trustees elected from 1933 to 1939 were: Frank Flynn, Geo. Ryan, Rene Terrault, Oscar Bellisle and Edward Van Lesbure. In 1940, Frank Flynn was appointed as a delegate to represent Guilbault S.D. No. 2885 at a meeting of delegates of Subdivision 3 of the Sturgeon School Division, held on November 15, 1940, by the Deputy Minister. Other family names appearing in the minutes of the annual meetings are: Eldridge Arcand, Howard Latimer, Jos. Arcand, Lawrence Arcand, Jos. Rouault, F. Turnbull, W. Morasse, R. Bellerose and Gerald Arcand.

In records on file at the Provincial Archives, Miss Catherine Redmond taught in the 1935-36 school term, Miss Alvina Morin taught 1938-39 and 1939-40. She had nine pupils: Ruth Latimer, Raymond and Herman Bellisle, Alvin, Theresa and Alton Flynn, Wesley Kluthe, Audrey McLay and Robert Strong. In February 1946, the teacher was Miss Joyce McFarquhar. She had bought a radio for herself to use in the school. She wrote to the Director of Curriculum to obtain a license and asked if a grant was available to purchase a battery and an aerial kit at a cost \$8.65. She also asked for a copy of "Young Canada Listens", and eight guides for students. Because batteries were of not a permanent nature, no grant was available, but

SCHOOL MEETING

GUILBAULT

S.D. No. 2885

Take notice that a Meeting of Electors and Ratepayers of the above School District will be held in the Schoolhouse, on

MONDAY, the THIRTYFIRST day of JANUARY, 1942, at 8 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of Discussing sale of Guilbault school and outbuildings.

E. W. Adams
Divisional Local Secretary

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an aerial kit was more of a permanent nature. Grants were only available to school boards, and would only represent a portion of the expense made by a board. She did receive a free radio license for educational purposes only. Copies of original student registers can be obtained at a cost of \$1.50 each from the Department of Education, Central Records but prior to 1930, all records were destroyed by a fire in Edmonton.



Back Row: Milton Flynn, Teresa Flynn, Theresa Borle and William Turnbull. Middle Row: Warren Tebbs, Norman Bellisle, Ferman Iseke, William Hewittson, Doreen Iseke, Shirley Hewittson and Justine Hittinger (Teacher). Front Row: Robert McLay, Audrey McLay and Rose Marie Borle, 1941-42.

On Monday, January 31, 1949, at 8:00 p.m., a meeting of Electors and Ratepayers was held in the Guilbault School for the purpose of discussing the sale of Guilbault School house and out-buildings. Mr. J. William Flynn purchased the school building in 1949, for which he paid \$75.00. It was recommended on March 5, 1957, that the sale of Guilbault School District No. 2885 site be approved by the Sturgeon School Division No. 24 since it was included in the division by a ministerial order dated September 8, 1938.

HISTORY OF NAMA0 GARAGE

by Jack Speers

The first blacksmith shop at Namao was moved in pieces, along with a house, onto a half acre of land purchased from Jim Sutherland in 1913 by James Lloyd, who ran it until 1917, when ill health forced him to retire. Some of the area farmers formed a company to purchase the shop. The first operator's name was Ed McAdams, a black man with five children, befitting a black man being the blacksmith. At that time a blacksmith shop shod horses and repaired harness, although Ed made a snow plow that was pulled by horses. He ran the shop until Mr. Workman and Mr. Roughly took over. In 1923 the house and shop burned to the ground. The company rebuilt the shop and moved in a house, having Mr. Roughly as blacksmith. Arksey followed Mr. Roughly.

In 1935 Howard Samis bought the shop, and moved into the house beside it in 1936. In about 1948 he built a garage over top of the blacksmith shop to replace it while he still ran the business. When the garage was built, he took the shop out of the inside of the garage without much interruption in business.

Vi Samis, his wife, was always the "gopher", always on the go to Edmonton for repairs.

Some of his helpers and mechanics were: Alvin Flynn, Sandy Clark, Russell Coburn, Bud Crozier and John Lafave.

NAMA0 ORCHESTRA

by Howard Samis

About the year 1936, Mrs. William Harrold, who was a good pianist, suggested that some of us young guys should start an orchestra. Allen Carson played piano, Art Gibson tooted a bit on saxophone, I picked a bit on banjo, and Norman Martin played drums.

When we started we were pretty crude, but with a lot of work and practice, we got so we could

make some fairly respectable music, and some time later, got up enough nerve to play some dance music. As we gradually improved, we got enough nerve to play for a dance. About this time, we were joined by Jack Plumley on sax, and our sound improved. By now, we had improved enough to play away from home at such places as Horse Hill, Bon Accord and Sunnyside. Archie La Brie was an excellent violin player and used to join us quite a lot. The quality of our music improved, and we began getting jobs at such places as Clyde, Westlock, Gibbons and Horse Hill.

Over the years, the personnel of the band changed. Arnold Cowan became our pianist and organ player. Bud Baxter was our lead sax. I changed to bass guitar, and Norman Martin was on drums with Murray Carson as back-up drummer and sax player. Tom Saunders joined us on sax for a short time, and Harry Wynechko also played a number of jobs with us on sax. By this time, our band sounded quite professional, and we played for such organizations as the Racing Association, the Shriners, the Officers' Mess at the armouries, the airport at Namao, and at quite a few of the larger hotels around town. One winter, we played Saturday nights at the Canadian Legion. We were quite thrilled to be taken to Calgary to play for the wind-up party for the Racing Association. Another job was to furnish music for a party at the Country Club Golf Association.

Over the years, we all had a lot of enjoyment, and met a lot of people on our travels.

It is sad to think that I am the only one living of our original band. May they rest in peace and may the sound of their music last forever.

SUNNYSIDE ORCHESTRA

In the early forties before TV times, Saturday nights were spent at the local halls and schools, playing cards and then whoever could play a musical instrument was called on to play for a couple of hours of dancing.

This is how the Sunnyside Orchestra was organized; Dick Hansen with his violin, Verna Hansen on piano, along with Clive Potter on drums, used to play in the Namao area. At the same era Harold Clark, with his sister, Jessie were playing in the Carbondale, Cardiff area. In 1943, Harold started playing the saxophone, so they decided to combine their talents along with Don Potter on the banjo, and they became known as the Sunnyside Orchestra. They played all around the surrounding area for weddings, anniversaries, etc.



Sunnyside Orchestra. L-R: Clive Potter, Dick Hansen, Don Potter, Harold Clark and Verna Hansen.

They played for the opening of the new hall at Bon Accord. They played for 10 to 12 years and then the trend of music started to change to guitar music and the loud bands took over, so the Sunnyside Orchestra gradually faded away.

NAMAO SENIOR'S BASEBALL

by Harold Clark and Cliff Crozier

When the Samis families moved into the Namao district from the U.S.A., so did baseball. Before that, the main attraction at picnics was football (soccer), as many of the settlers were from Great Britain.

Gradually baseball took over and was played at the local picnics. The teams were from districts close at hand, as travel was mostly by horse and buggy.

The first diamond at Namao was down on the picnic hill, north on Highway 28, on the west side of the road. The next diamond was directly in front of the store, on land owned by Jim Sutherland, now owned by the Bokenfohrs. The store served as a place to buy pop, ice-cream and bars.

A league was soon set up, including Onoway, Spruce Grove, Stony Plain, Fort Saskatchewan and Namao. The team's transportation was mainly by Red McNielly's van (grocery wagon). During this time, tournaments were set up and one of the first "big tournaments" was at Fort Saskatchewan on May 24. Namao held a strawberry social in June, which included a ball game, a booth with strawberries and ice-cream, and finished off the day with a dance.



Baseball, Early '40s. Back Row, L-R: Bob McNeilly, Donald Harrold and Earl Samis. Next Row, L-R: Ken Samis, George Gwilliam, Harold Clark, Ted Samis and Dick McLay. Next Row, L-R: Gordon Jamieson, Mel McLay, Wesley Auten, Stewart Samis and Ralph Samis. Front Row, Sitting: Billy Auten.

The Namao Hall Board sponsored a tournament on July 1 which included ball games, foot races, a booth, and a dance as a wind-up.

During the life of baseball at Namao most of all the players lived within approximately five miles. The class of ball played was of a high calibre. Some of the boys played below the hill at Renfrew. Two of the local boys, Ken Samis and Dick Lowe, played pro ball.

Many weekends were spent going to tournaments. One which stands out was at Alberta Beach. There were eight teams from the surrounding districts. Prize money was twenty dollars for first prize and ten dollars for second. Prestige was the most important focus of winning at these tournaments and Namao was one of the consistent winners.



Roy Haniford, Clayton Crozier, Ted Samis, Bill Jamieson, Harold Clark, Earl McLay, Cliff Crozier, Stewart Samis, Dick Lowe, Dick McLay, Lawrence Iseke, Gordon Jamieson, Mel McLay, Bob McLay, 1947.

Over the years, Namao acquired some of their uniforms from the teams in Edmonton, as they got new ones each year. With the advent of soft ball (fast ball), interest in baseball started to slide. When the sons of the old players grew up, a minor baseball league was organized with the surrounding communities. The leagues survived for a few years. Now slow pitch is the sport.

Many of the older citizens can remember the "good old days", when the talk of the community was, what the Namao ball team had won at some of the local tournaments. They were very well respected and were the team to beat.

Older Memories



Horse Hills Red Cross Meeting, 1918. Top Row, L-R: Mrs. Lenard, Mrs. Martha Plumbley, Mrs. Tom Weeks, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Stickney, Mrs. McLeod, Mrs. Borgwardt, Mrs. Corbett, Mrs. Peck, Mrs. Dean. Bottom Row, L-R: Sarah Lockhart, Jane Corbett, Shilleto, Mrs. Parkinson, Mrs. George West, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Roulinsville, Mrs. Davenport.



Patricia School on the SW corner of 227 Avenue and 34th Street.



The Hermitage, 1921.



First Cardiff School built in 1910, only 1 room.



Old Road Grader in the 1920's.



1st Local Improvement Committee of Edmonton. L-R, Standing: Malcolm Groat and John Harrold Jr. Seated: F. C. Claire (Belmont), Allan Turnbull (Horse Hill) and Edward Hogan (St. Albert).



Donald William (Dan) Cameron; arrived in Namao in 1911.



Excelsior Church. Log church built at Excelsior in 1896. Rev. H. E. Gordon was the minister. Land was donated by Mr. A. E. Putnam; Mr. Christopher Carruthers donated the logs; pulpit was built by Mr. Coffell; Mr. T. Mulligan built the pews and John Gibson built one of the corners of the dove-tailed log building. It was moved from Excelsior to Pioneer Village in 1960.



Poplar Lake. Log church, built under the direction of Rev. Wm. Newton about the year 1893. It was located on what is now 82nd Street and 195th Avenue. It was called "The Church of England Parish of Christ Church". (Anglican) It was destroyed by fire in the early 1940's. The bell, which is in front of the Anglican Church on 5003-146th Avenue, (St. Michael and All Angels) is from this church.



Little English Church on 82nd Street, celebrating an anniversary service.



Working on the farm with a horse and oxen in the early days.



Ladies' Hockey Team in 1905-06 at Alberta College. Long skirts and a wooden puck. Phoebe Long Crozier in top right hand corner.



Crozier and Sutherland Threshing Crew, 1927. Back Row, L-R: Lloyd Crozier, Jimmy Graham, Isabel Crozier, Unknown, Unknown, David Crozier, Phoebe Crozier, Eleanor (Crozier) Montpellier. Second Row, L-R: Hired Men (Unknown). Third Row, L-R: Hired Man, Hired Man, Hired Man, Hired Man, Stan Long, Jim Sutherland, Alvin Kerr and Earl Graham. Front Row, L-R: Dave Crozier, Cliff Crozier, Reg Crozier and Edgar Crozier.



Early Hockey Team of Namao, 1926. L-R: Howard Samis, Johnny McDonell, George Argue, Ralph Samis, Jim Flynn, Percy Gilbert, unknown, David Samis and Chris McDonell. Oscar Patry in front.



Namao Bethel Church moved to Sunnyside.



Bert Long's Birthday Party.



Sturgeon Baptist Church. Taken between 1899 and 1902.



L: Lorn and Oran Williams, Jessie Harrold, Bill Harrold, Maurice Lowe, Bert Long, Tom Wilson, Tracy Long. Front: Robert Bailey.



First school bus used from Patricia going to Namao and Faye Speer.



Horse Hill School Junior High Girls' Basketball Team, 1965-66.



Nainao Ladies' Baseball Team, 1924-25 Hardball Champs L-R Mary Flynn, Vera Carson, Alma Ross, Ada Carson, Esther Samis, Gladys Shultz, Marjorie McLay, Alice Auten and Ora Gervais



Horse Hill School, Grade 8, 1965-66. Front Row: Sandra Myer, Holly Hardman, Bernice Prins, Cathy Sweetnam, Jessie Newman, Carol Prusko, Rita Valthius, Linda Piche. Middle Row: Marilyn McCrimmon, Ervin Peterson, Jacob Fokema, Jim Frederikson, Larry Talmer, Gerald McCrimmon, Dwayne Dejarles, Ken Pollock, Doug McDonald, Mr. Kolodkewich. Back Row: Ted Serben, Peter Carter, Jerry Avilary, Gary Schwabe, John Lobner, Rudolf Kiken, Ed Wagner, Gordon Sweetnam. Missing: Eric Triska, Jack Stott, Salee Kiken



Namao Ladies' Aid Society of 1940. Top, L-R: Nellie Jamieson, Daisy Craig, Hazel Paul, Elvina McLay, Vera Lowe and Sarah Bailley. Middle Row: Mrs. Lavers, Audry McLay, Burl Gibson and Bertha Speers. Bottom Row: Jessie Clark, Vi Samis, Marj Craig, Gladys McLay, Violet Crozier and Rosa Samis with Bob McLay down in front.



Coutts children who lived 1909-1912 on the farm now owned by Jack McLay.

Ten Commandments For the Farm Wife

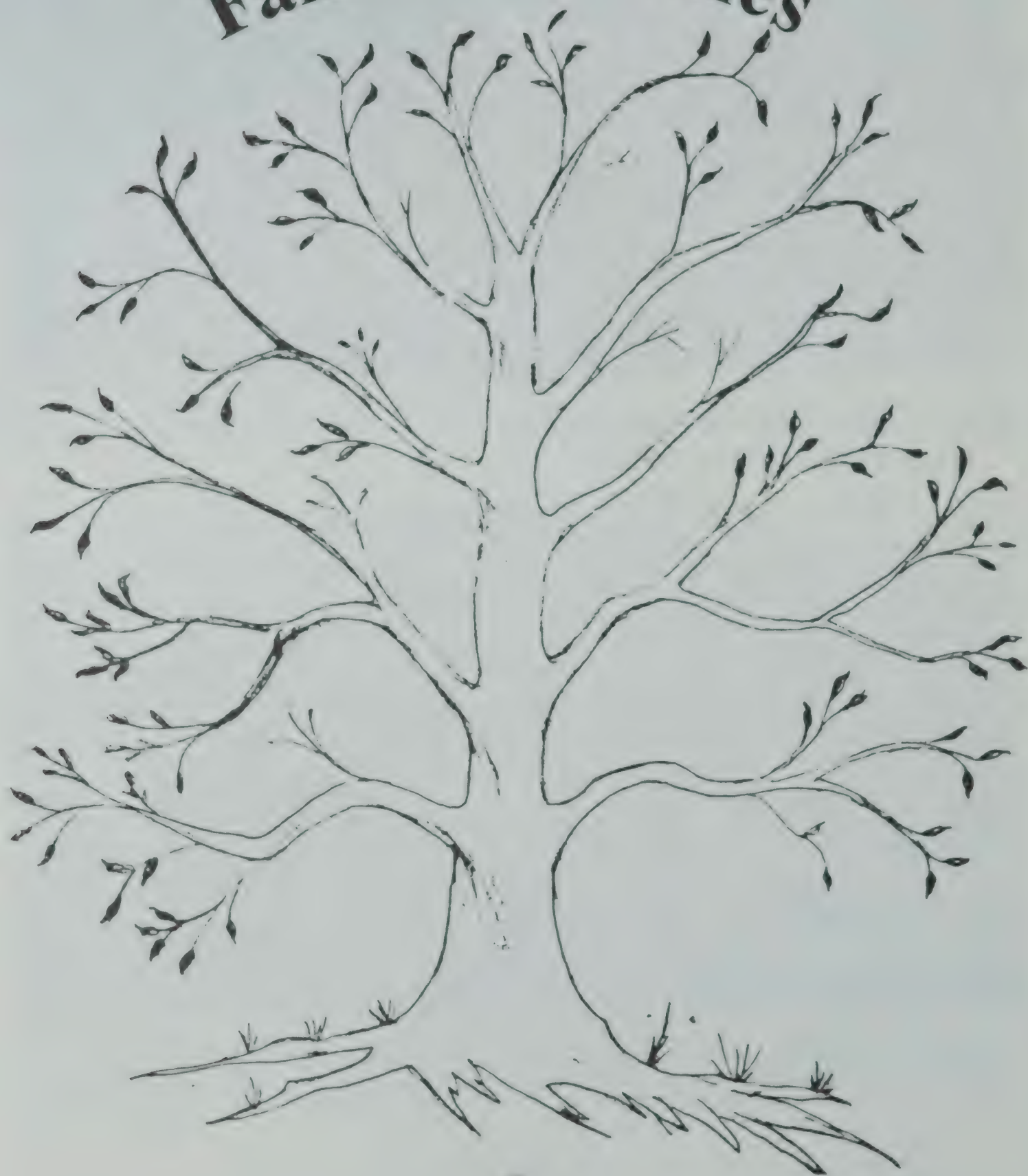
By Mrs. George Melber
St. Lawrence, South Dakota

of a bright new tractor.

- I. Thou shalt not sort cattle with your hands in your pockets. (Husbands and cows don't like that.)
- II. Thou shalt cook meals which can be served 30 minutes early or two hours late.
- III. Thou shalt learn to keep farm records. ("When did we turn out the bull?")
- IV. Thou shalt love the smell of new mown hay, freshly plowed earth, sweet smelling silage and the stinging sensation of ammonia in the sheep barn.
- V. Thou shalt be inspired to see the sun rise and relieved to see it set.
- VI. Thou shalt learn to open gates, close gates and guard gates.
- VII. Thou shalt thrill at the birth of a new calf, and the sight
- VIII. Thou shalt live closer to God with faith to exceed many city dwellers'.
- IX. Thou shalt cherish meals together, long nights of waiting for the vet to arrive and decisions of plowing up the winter wheat.
- X. Thou shalt be exalted at the brotherly hand on your shoulder, the tender kiss on your forehead and these three precious words, "Thanks for helping." 



Family Histories



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AKERMAN, Robert William and Family *by Colin and Gordon Akerman*

Robert **William** Akerman was born August 21, 1888, at Bromham, Wiltshire, England. The Akerman family were bakers, and the same shop had been in the family for over 200 years. Carrie Paget was born December 13, 1885. She was from the same area, where her family were farmers; she and William were married there.

Friends of William, who had gone to Alberta, reported back that there was plenty of farm land to be homesteaded, so Carrie and Bill came to Canada, arriving in Edmonton in 1913. They stayed with Bill's aunt, Annie Manders, for a week or so, then went south and east of Coronation, where Bill filed on a half-section of land, later known as Hemaruka, Alberta. Carrie and Bill farmed there for 20 years. However, after three crop failures, Bill came to Edmonton in the fall of 1932 to look for a farm to buy or rent. He came home with a possible chance of renting a farm at St. Albert from Joe Thelen, which was later confirmed by telephone. The farm was just north of the St. Albert elevators and was known as the Old Dan Maloney Farm, now part of Lacombe Park.

The government provided two free railway cars to move people out of the dried-out area. Bill loaded what he could: cattle, horses, machinery, and household goods, and arrived in St. Albert in April 1933. His cousin, Gertie Cust, and her husband, William Cust, of Riviere Qui Barre, sent their son, John, and arranged for the Jim Maloney boys, with teams of horses, to help with the move from the St. Albert station to the farm.

Bill continued mixed farming, milking cows, selling table cream, and raising hogs and beef, with hired help. The crops were very good and, to Carrie, it was the Garden of Eden as she had such a good garden. Neil Ross trucked the cream and livestock to market in Edmonton, and Jim Maloney and his boys were hired to do the threshing.



L-R: Bill, Carrie, Colin, Daphne, Gordon Akerman.

Carrie and Bill had four children. Daphne was born August 9, 1913; Gordon Roy passed away in 1917 at the age of 15 months; Colin was born April 29, 1919, and Gordon William was a Christmas Day present in 1920. The boys and Daphne attended school in St. Albert, their teachers being Sadie Stanton, Helen Wibray, Kay Morrisroe, Walter Nichols and Mr. Lepine.

The family remembers the Indians travelling past the farm to Lac Ste. Anne for the annual pilgrimage, and the settlers, heading to Peace River with tents over their hay racks, who would stop overnight to feed and rest the horses. The boys remember going skating and tobogganning in St. Albert in the winter and also the house parties. Carrie and Bill got to know most of the people in the area and the village during the four years they lived there.

In 1936, Carrie and Bill purchased a farm in the Namao area, about six or seven miles east of St. Albert, and moved there in the fall of that year. Colin and Gordon stayed at the farm in St. Albert looking after the livestock through the winter.



L-R: Myles, Daphne and Alex Kerr, 1981.

Carrie would cook food and do baking to take to them on Saturday and Sunday. When the food did not last the week, the boys would cook porridge and have it for breakfast, dinner and supper. The machinery was moved during the fall and winter, and the livestock was moved in the spring.

Colin and Gordon kept in touch with their friends in St. Albert, later coming to the Bruin Hotel on Saturday nights and also attending the dances at the community hall. They also helped in the building of the two-sheet natural ice curling rink and enjoyed many evenings of curling and bonspiels.

Daphne graduated from Calgary Normal School in 1933 and, because she did not get a teaching position, finished Grade 12 at St. Albert. Later, she taught in Bilby, Carbondale, Riviere Qui Barre and Calahoo. In 1936, she married Myles Kerr, who had come from Naco, Alberta, just east of Hemaruka. He had established a blacksmith shop at Riviere Qui Barre. They later sold the shop and started sheep, and then beef, farming at Sandy Lake with Myles' brother, Alex. They have now retired and live in St. Albert, only a short distance from the original Akerman farm.

In 1951, Colin married Jeannette Smallwood, who was from Athabasca. They live in Edmonton, and Colin commutes to the farm at Namao. He also worked part time in the men's shoe department at Woodward's for over forty years. Jeannette worked at the Macdonald Hotel for thirty-two years as a cashier. Jeannette's mother, the former Adeline Shank, worked for Dr. and Madame Giroux in St. Albert in 1913.

Gordon married a neighbour, Janet Harrold, daughter of Donald Harrold, in 1952. Janet's family are old-timers of the Namao district, having



Akerman — Colin and Jeanette, taken June 4, 1984 just leaving for Colin's retirement party from Woodward's. Taken by Janet.

arrived at Sturgeon in 1888. Janet and Gordon live on the farm at Namao which was formerly owned by the Harry Long family. They have two children, William Donald (Bill) and Barbara Colleen. Bill married Linda Love, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Love of Edmonton, on August 19, 1978. They have two children, William David, born September 14, 1982, and Loni Colleen, born July 24, 1984. Bill works for Edmonton City Tele-



Back Row, L-R: Linda and Bill Akerman, Barbara and Murray Thomson, Billy, Gordon, Janet, Loni Akerman.



FOUR GENERATIONS. Akerman — Gordon, Billy, Bill and Carrie (Grandma), December 25, 1982.

phones, and they live in the Millwoods district of Edmonton. Barbara married Murray Thomson, son of Ray and Erna Thomson of Edmonton, on April 12, 1986. They live on the original homestead of William Nicolson, who was a brother of Janet's grandmother. The homestead was later owned by William Harrold and purchased by Colin and Gordon Akerman on May 4, 1944. Barbara worked for Orlick Distributing Ltd. for twelve years but, due to a company closure, now works for Gra Max Transportation Services in Edmonton. Murray works for Prime Fasteners Ltd., also in Edmonton.

Bill and Carrie farmed with the boys until 1952, when they retired and moved to Edmonton. They kept busy with lawn bowling, alley bowling, square dancing and Bill's curling. Carrie started painting when she was in her seventies, and enjoyed painting flowers and pictures of her previous homes. Bill passed away at age 87 on September 7, 1975. Carrie lived in the Dickinsfield Extended Care Centre. She was confined to a wheel chair but still had a good sense of humour and enjoyed visits from her family and friends. Carrie passed away May 9, 1985 at age 99 years, 4 months, and 28 days. Dad and Mother are buried in Namao Cemetery.

Daphne passed away at age 70, on March 1, 1984, and her husband, Myles, at age 82, on January 28, 1987. Both are buried at Namao.

Gordon and Colin are still farming at Namao.

ANDERSON, Hans and Frances

Hans was born in Denmark, eldest of six children. He came to Canada a few years after the war and worked at different jobs. A carpenter by trade, he acquired work with the Department of National Defence. He worked thirty-five years with the department, retiring in 1982 as a building inspector.

Frances was born in the Lamont area to Mr. and Mrs. John Andruckow, the eldest of six children. After high school Frances moved to Edmonton to attend college. While working in Edmonton, she was introduced to Hans and they later married. After living in Edmonton for a number of years, they moved to an acreage in the Namao district and raised six children.

This acreage was previously owned by Gudmond and Wanda Pedersen who had purchased it from Tom Wilson, the original home builder. The acreage is located on PT. SW ¼ 15-55-25 W4, on the east side of Highway 28, consisting of five acres sandwiched between Bertha Speers and Hugh Craig.

Hans and Frances have a family of four boys and two girls, all of whom attended school in Namao and furthered their education in Edmonton. The oldest son, Tom, works for R. Angus-Finning Co. in Edmonton as a heavy duty mechanic. Robert, who is residing in Vancouver, works for B.C. Hydro as an electrical technician. Sydney, the oldest daughter, married to Raymond Guenette, works as a receiving secretary for Costco Wholesale in Edmonton. Jeffrey is a constable with the Edmonton City Police, presently in the Crime Identification Department. Ingrid, the youngest daughter, married to Barry Brecken, worked with AGT for eight years. She is now working with Barry on the road, travelling through Canada and the U.S. wherever his presence is needed, representing the company of Go Vacations.

Dennis, the youngest, has a marketing position with an Edmonton-based wholesale company.

Hans and Frances Andersen have been residing in the Namao district for thirty-one years.

ARNOLD, Orran and Mary

*originally recorded by Mary Pearse,
revised by Colleen Caspove*

Orran Arnold was born in Chatham, Ontario, in March 1834, and his wife Mary Vickery was born in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, in 1845. They had a family of six children who were born in Appledoor, Kent County, Ontario: Orran, Kitty, Ida, Rosetta, Mary and May (twins).



The Arnold Sisters. L-R: May Ayres, Kitty Jenkins, Rose Baer, Mary Pearse, Unknown, Ida Robinson, William Pearse.

In 1893, Orran came west in search of land. Returning in 1895, he sold his place, loaded a railway car with necessary effects and started west. Their son, Orran, and daughters, Kitty, Ida and Rose, had preceded their parents to the west by three or four years, and had encouraged their father to do the same.

Mary, young Mary and May left later. The railroad came as far as Edmonton then, via Calgary. They stopped about a week in Olds and arrived in Edmonton on May 7. They hired a man by the name of Toll to take them to the home of Ida and her husband who were living west of Namao.

Young Mary had never seen a ferry before. Mr. Toll drove them to the edge of the river (Saskatchewan) and tried to make them believe he was going to try to ford the river. She was frightened and said she would walk, to which he replied that he had never seen a girl walk on water, but he would wait until the bridge came back.

They came out to Namao and saw a long house and all the children outside. Mr. Toll told us a large family lived there. A lad by the name of Tracy Long directed them to Ida's house, and there they found out that the log house was a school.

Orran Sr. rented a house from Will Craig for three months. The family then moved to the homestead near Cardiff. They lived in a sod-roofed shack which leaked worse inside than out when it rained. Orran Sr. and Orran Jr. thought it was a huge joke to see the water dripping into pans all over the house.

Their nearest neighbors lived a mile away; they were the Charles McLaughlin family.

Orran Sr. kept a store and Post Office at Namao, for a short while, December 1896-1899, later moving to Edmonton where he lived to the ripe old age of 93, passing away in 1926. Mary Arnold passed away in 1915 at the age of 70.

Orran Jr. married Lula Blackburn of Hardisty. They had six children: Maude, Nina, Doris, Bert, Tom and Willet. Orran and Lula lived in Millet for many years and later moved to Hardisty. Oran passed away in Hardisty in 1939 at the age of 64.

Kitty married Jim Jenkins after arriving in Namao in 1891. They had four children: Jim, Pearl, Frank and Tom, at that time. An epidemic of diphtheria hit the community soon after and they lost two of their children. They are buried in the Namao Cemetery. Five more children were born to them: Charlie, Pearl (renamed after her dead sister), Fred, Frank (renamed after his dead brother) and Hazel. Charlie, Fred and Frank died in infancy. After about six years they decided to move and went north a few miles to a homestead north of Bon Accord. Jim Jenkins was fatally injured in 1915, and Kitty lived to the age of 95, passing away in 1966. Of the remaining children, Tom married Elsie McKenzie, Pearl married Doug Coverly, Hazel married Lawrence McKenzie and



L-R: Unknown, Orran Arnold Sr. — Age 93.

Jim Jr. married Edith Schofield of Bon Accord. Jim and Edith had eight children: Orville, Gordon, Clara, Archie, Edna, Charlie, Bob and Edith May. They lived their lives and raised their children in the Bon Accord area.

Ida also came west in 1891 and married John Robinson of Namao. John had homesteaded the farm now occupied by Lyman Schultz. Lyman's father purchased the farm from the Robinsons in 1902. John and Ida had six children: Frank, Johnny, Latisha, Matty, Gladys and Lottie. They moved to Edmonton after the sale of their land. John Robinson died in 1913, and Ida in 1966 at the age of 95.

Rose was married to Jack Baer who had come to this district from Oklahoma. They homesteaded where Ron Nelsen now lives, west of Namao. There is a story told of a poor gullible visitor who wanted to see a bear. A prankster said he could show them a pair, but he said they would have to go quietly and creep up so they would not be seen. They crawled on their stomachs to the top of a rise of land and when they looked over, there were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baer in front of their homestead cabin. They never had children. Jack died in 1921, and Rose in 1962 at the age of 90.

May married Louie Ayres of Millet and they had six children: Mary, Orran, Rosie, Harvey, Ruby and Bill. They moved to Millet after they were married and spent their lives there. Louie died about 1950, and May in 1961 at the age of 83. Their children scattered to the United States and throughout Alberta. Ruby married Clifford Olsen, and they live in Porcupine Hills, Saskatchewan. The rest of the children have all passed away.

Mary married William Pearse who homesteaded in Namao in 1888. They had four children: Harry, William Jr., John and Mae. William died in 1942. Mary remarried later on to Lester Hadley. He also passed away leaving her a widow until her death in 1974, at the age of 96. Their daughter, Mae Pearse, died in infancy. Harry became a doctor in Detroit, married and had two children. Bill married and had three children. John married Eileen Moore and they had six children: Muriel, Evelyn, John Jr. (Jack), George, Dorothy and Norma. Muriel married Cal Meyer and lives in Ardrossan. Evelyn married Bob Jeffery of Sunnyside, and they had two daughters, Terri and Colleen. Bob was tragically killed in 1964. Evelyn later married Don Griffiths, and they have remained in Sunnyside. Terri married Jim Beaton and they have two children, Jaimie and Jeffery. Colleen married Dennis Caspove and they have two

daughters, Jessica and Kelly. Dennis and Colleen live in Sunnyside, and Terri and Jim in Hewitt Estates near Bon Accord. Jack married Dorene Christman and resides in Namao. They have two sons, Darren and Brian. Brian married Colleen Eklund and they have a son, Dawson. George married Joy Yanik and they had two daughters, Jodee and Cindee. George passed away in February 1989. Dorothy married Roald Ungstad and moved to Ponoka, Alberta. They have five children: Eileen, Wayne, Gail, Joan and Peter. Eileen, Joan and Peter are married and have families of their own. Norma married Max Kuerbis and they have three children: Charmaine, John and Ramona. Charmaine and John are married. Norma and Max moved away from the community after they were married.

John Sr. later married Margaret (Marge) McDonald and still resides in Namao.

For details on William Pearse and sons please refer to the biography of William Pearse.

ASH, Frank Family

The Ash family's association with Namao began when Frank and Ina moved to their acreage on Highway 28 at what is now 160 Avenue. They arrived on April 20, 1930, bringing with them three sons: Gordon, Melvin, and Harvey. In 1946, Frank and Ina moved to Edmonton. Frank died May 30, 1965, and Ina passed away on September 17, 1968.

Gordon and Melvin continued to work the farm while the youngest son, Harvey, married and moved to an acreage nearby. Gordon, who is single, lives with Melvin and Amy on a lot in Castledowns that was part of the original farm. Gordon is active in the Namao Sixty Plus Club and was treasurer for four years.

Upon retirement, Melvin continued to market garden in the summer and sell produce at the Edmonton City Market on Saturdays. The Ash family had maintained a stall at the market since 1931.

Of Melvin and Amy's five children, Dwayne is the only one who chose to farm. Dwayne is single and raises Charolais cattle in Warburg.

Marlene married Reg Burrison and moved to Coquitlam, B.C. to start an importing business. They have two children, Christopher, 13, and Kimberley, 11.

Pat also moved to Coquitlam and married Glenn Ballam. Pat is a real estate agent and has three children: Jamie, eight, and the twins, Ashley and Allison, six.

Randy also moved to B.C. He has one daughter, Leslie, 11, and lives and works in Penticton.

Gaile is single, has been working for Edmonton Telephones since 1978, and lives on Morinville Road. She is one of the original members of the Klondike Square Dance Club (on horseback).

Harvey's family lived for many years on an acreage at 153 Avenue, east of 97 Street. Harvey worked in the vegetable and fertilizer business. He died March 23, 1978.

Mary continued to live in the family home until 1988, when 153 Avenue was realigned and the house was moved. Mary now lives in Castledowns. Harvey and Mary's four children are all married and living in Alberta.

Vicki married Gary Hoover and lives on an acreage near Sherwood Park. Vicki and Gary have a plumbing and gas fitting business in Edmonton. Their son Brad, 21, is involved in the family business and Todd, 20, is attending university.

Connie is a high school English teacher in Edmonton and lives with her son, Michael, 14, and daughter, Ashlea, 13. Connie's husband, Jim Walter, died March 20, 1987.

Gary is a fisheries biologist and has a consulting company based in Edmonton. He married Evelyn Skuba and has three children: Jennifer, 12, Greg, 11 and Angela, 6.

Diane is a teacher in Slave Lake where she lives with her husband, Pat Guidera.

AUTEN Family History

by Darryl Auten, 1990

Ed and Eva Auten arrived in the Namao district from North Bend, Nebraska, in the spring of 1904. Ed's father and mother, James T. and Laura A. Auten, had preceded them by two years, purchasing land for later arrivals. Alberta marked the next point in the Auten trek westward through Ohio, Indiana, Iowa and Nebraska. When they arrived, they settled on the farm 3½ miles northwest of the Namao corner. Their four children, Alice, Lyle, Wesley and Billy, were born on the farm and attended the Roseridge School. All of them worked on the farm at one time or another before moving on to other jobs.

For Ed and Eva Auten, life on the farm was part of the experience of change faced by everyone in the area at the turn of the century. The farm had been purchased from the Grahams in the spring of 1902, after James T. Auten had searched the area for a suitable place to move his family. That spring the Sturgeon River flooded its banks, washed out the bridges so that the inspection in-

involved boating across the flooded valley. Poor roads and difficult access to this otherwise beautiful country was offset by the advantage gained by using the railways to come west. It was an opportunity that the first generation of homesteaders did not have. When Ed and Eva arrived, they spent the first winter in a granary while the men cut and sawed logs for lumber. The houses and outbuildings were completed the next year. From that point on, they experienced boom and bust in the economy, two world wars and the great depression, like everyone else. Relative prosperity arrived with the Second World War and the construction of the Namao Airbase, as they were able to sell eggs and other produce to the armed forces. After fire destroyed the house, they decided to retire and settle in an easier climate. The land they had farmed, the fruit trees and gardens that had been developed, were sold to Dick McLay. Their choice then was to move to Surrey, B.C., where they purchased a small acreage just south of New Westminster. In retirement, they grew strawberries and kept a few animals until Ed died in 1948. Eva continued to live in the area until her death in 1974. Both were returned to be buried in the family plot in the Namao Cemetery.

Their family moved in different directions. Alice married Andres Andresen, a young man who had immigrated to Canada from Norway. They had four children: Anne, Norman, Barbara and Janet. After the Second War, they also moved to Surrey to be near Ed and Eva, and Andy went to work on the New Westminster Docks as a longshoreman. He continued in that work until he retired. Alice was employed in a number of restaurants and cafes in the Whalley/Newton area near their home in Surrey. Each of their family members also married and remain in the lower mainland area near Vancouver. Alice and Andy died in the mid 1980s.

Anne, an accountant, married Jan Bueckert and they have four grown family members: Karen in Ft. St. John, B.C. and Stephen, Michael and Carol in the Lower Mainland of B.C. Norman Andresen, who also is a longshoreman, married and he has three young adults: Murray, Chad and Tracy. Barbara married Bob Felling and has five adult family members: Julie, Christopher, Mark, Bob and Tammy. Janet married Doug Goetz. They have no children.

Lyle Auten worked on the farm and also on the farm at the Ponoka Hospital for a number of years. He never married and died in Edmonton in 1970.

Wesley Auten married Ruth Bailey in 1935. They settled into a little house on the southwest corner of the Auten farm, across the coulee from the main house. After working with Ed on the farm from 1927 to 1945, he and Ruth moved their family to Edmonton. Wesley had worked for the Post Office in the parcel post section toward the end of the war on a part-time basis. When everyone was settled in Edmonton, he worked for Market Tire and then for Palm Dairy until his death in 1971. Ruth worked for a number of years at McGavin's Bakery before moving to the Edmonton Public School Board as a school custodian. After her retirement in 1975, she moved to Ft. Saskatchewan to be near Sharron. Their four family members completed their schooling in Edmonton. Darryl married Jeryl Sims after completing studies at the University of Alberta and St. Stephen's College. After ordination, he has worked at Lac La Biche, Alberta, Vernon, B.C., Naramata Centre for Continuing Education and St. Stephen's College in Edmonton. Jeryl is a school teacher and taught in each of these places. They currently live in Salmon Arm, B.C. They have two daughters in College — Catherine and Lee. Their son, James, died in 1980. Donald (Bob) Auten is married to Gail Buck and they live in Abbotsford, B.C. Bob has been an employee of Woodward's for over thirty years and has just retired. Bob has a son, Robert, from his first marriage and two daughters, Tracy and Sandra. Barry Auten was married to Maddie Budinski and they had two daughters, Janet and Laurie, who now live in Edmonton. Barry was killed in an automobile accident in 1962. Sharron is married to Victor Roberts, an engineer at Sherritt Gordon in Ft. Saskatchewan. Sharron is a nurse at the hospital in the Fort, and they have one son, Colin.

Billy Auten, after serving in Holland with the Canadian Army in the latter part of W.W. II, came back to Canada and worked in a number of jobs before settling into the construction industry. He is married to Ruth Fox and has three adult family members. His daughter, Lynn, is married to Bill Wilt and they have four children of their own. David is married to Jan and they live in Edmonton with their two children. Richard is unmarried and also lives in Edmonton.

AUTEN, James T., Family History

continued by Nellie (Auten) Jamieson

My five brothers, who were all farmers, are all deceased. I have one sister-in-law, Dolly Jamieson.

Lee died at the age of 96 at Kelowna, B.C. in

January 1973. His wife of 50 years, Mary, predeceased him in 1959 at 71 years of age. He later married Mrs. Elizabeth McCaw. His sons, Earl and Fred, passed away at Ponoka and his two daughters still live in that area.

Jim died in Rimbey Hospital in March 1965, at 80 years of age. He lost his wife, Rella, in 1945. His son, James, and family still reside at Ponoka.

Mel died at Ponoka in 1960 and his wife, Cecile, in 1963. Mel was 72 and Cecile was 69.

Ed passed away in Surrey, B.C., in January 1952, at the age of 69. His wife, Eva, died in June 1974. His children, Wesley, Lyle and Alice, are deceased. Bill lives in Edmonton.

Harry died suddenly the same day he returned home from spending the winter in California, in April 1986. His first wife, Mary, died in 1958 and he married Violet Crozier in 1960. Violet died June 29, 1990.

My life has changed considerably since 1956, when we left the Namao district and moved to Edmonton. In Edmonton, we curled in the winter and enjoyed lawn bowling each summer. We had twenty winters in Palm Springs, California, after Bill retired from his work at No. 7 Supply Depot, north of Edmonton, in Lancaster Park. I continued my active life in the Edmonton Farm Women's Group and in the Westminster United Church. There I served on the Session, the Board of Stewards, and as President of the United Church Women. I piloted the change from the Women's Association to the new U.C.W. in 1962.

In 1984, Bill had a heart attack and we decided that the garden, snow and driving a car would be too much for us, so we moved into a Seniors' apartment building, the Good Samaritan Place in Bonnie Doon.

My husband, Bill, was the last survivor in his family of five boys and three girls, who lived in California, Ontario and B.C. Time on this earth runs out for every person and Bill's time ran out in October, 1988.

I am fortunate in having daughter Margaret, and son Gordon, close by, and seven grandchildren, all of whom are very kind and considerate. The eight great-grandchildren contribute to a lively time at family gatherings.

Looking back at my life, I have been most fortunate in having good health, good fortune, good friends, and a very good husband who was my best friend through 68 years of marriage.

The Namao friends and the years spent there will always be remembered in my heart as very happy and fulfilling ones.

BAILEY, Edwin and Elsie

written by Elsie

Edwin was the second youngest of a family of eleven children of Robert and Annie Bailey. He was born on November 7, 1908. He went to the Namao School and then to the Edmonton Technical School taking an electrician course. He worked in the coal mines in the Sturgeon Valley as a miner and an electrician. He met Elsie Gauthier in 1933 and they were married on July 1, 1935. They had seven children. Edwin worked for the government for the Land and Forestry as an electrician from 1959 to 1964 when he was retired. Edwin passed away August 3, 1980. Elsie now lives in Edmonton.

Seven children as follows:

First - Darwin Bailey - married Jill Pfannmueller and they had four children. Rochelle had three children - Jermaine, Casandra and Dallas. Tuesday. Sheldon. Jamie had twin girls, Aimie and Charmaine. Darwin and Jill were later divorced and Darwin safety supervisor for Imperial Oil married Glennis Benfeld and they have two children, Aaron and April.

Second - Farren Bailey, owner-operator of Flay Down Machine in the oil patch, married Judy McBeth and had one child, Glenda. Later he divorced and married Edel Kunas and they have two children, Jason and Rebecca.

Third - Glynis Bailey married George Phipps and they have three daughters, Lori married Chuck Bolkway and they have one son, Brandon; Cindy and Leigh-Anne.

Fourth - Warren (Bernie) Bailey married Linda Rosenau and they have one son, Brent. Bernie is a consultant in the oil patch.

Fifth - Heather Bailey married Don Barber

and they run an optical business together and they have two daughters, Christine (married Robert Way), and Maureen.

Sixth - Zelda Bailey married Constable Jim Henneg (later widowed), and they had three sons, Gregory, Darren, and Donald. She later married Ralph Bieber.

Seventh - Robert Bailey, Motor Man in oil patch, lived with Claire Lamoureux and they have one daughter, Amber.

BAILEY, Robert and Wesley

Robert L. Bailey - born January 9, 1894 (second son of Robert Sr.) Robert moved from the Namao district to Edmonton in 1953, where he passed away on January 9, 1956.

His wife, Helen continued to live in Edmonton until her death on November 1, 1978.

They had three children, who all attended Namao School. Lorraine married Stan Teitge, 1956, and had five children: Keith, Campbell River, B.C.; Kevin - Economist, Calgary; Douglas - Agriculturist, Saskatoon; Darilyn - Vancouver; Valerie - Vancouver.

Lorraine passed away with cancer at home in Victoria in July 1976. Wesley married Sandra Park, 1963, and they have two children: John, MBA in Ontario, and Roberta (married to Bruce Crerar - 1989), a court reporter in Calgary.

Wes lived in various parts of Canada while working as a sales representative and sales manager for an international drug company. He returned to St. Albert, Alberta, and eventually the Namao district, where he is engaged as an active partner in a chain of retail drug stores.

Sheila married Danny Wright of Athabasca in 1965. They have two children, Tracy, a student at U. of A., and Michael, who is in school at Sturgeon Heights. They now reside at Villeneuve.

BAZINET, Fernand and Rose

Having purchased Lot 16A in Northpoint in 1976, we built our home and moved into it in September of that year. Our first child was born three weeks later.

We have three sons, Benjamin, age 13 in Grade 8 - Jeff, age 10 in Grade 5, and Kevin age 8 in Grade 3. The boys all attend Namao School.

Fernand was active with the Fire Fighters between 1986 and 1988.

BEALS, Colin

In 1891, Mr. and Mrs. Colin Beals came to Edmonton from Rackland, Mass., U.S.A, with two



Back, L-R: Glynis, Bernie, Heather, Farren, Zelda, Robert. Front, L-R: Darwin, Elsie, Edwin. Family Reunion, 1979.

children, Ray and Ruby. In 1892, Colin Beals organized the first Edmonton Fire Brigade Band. He played the slide trombone. In the next few years. Colin did blacksmithing work.

Early in 1900, he went into business with his son. This business was known as "Beals, Hore and Beals". They sold Cockshutt Machinery, Frost-Wood binders and windmills.

Colin Beals was born in 1861 and died in 1946.

BERG, Allan C. and Eva J. and Family *as told by Eva J. Berg*

Our family moved to the remainder of River Lot 62, which is 24-54-25 W4, during the summer of 1974. We had purchased this parcel from my parents, Ralph and Jessie Scragg, in 1967, and had rented it out previous to our moving onto the land.

Our family consists of five daughters: Charlene Isabelle, born in 1959, who married Daniel Bakker and now lives in Spruce Grove. They have four children: Derek Johannes, born in February 1985; Hans Adrien, born in November 1986; Bryce Matthew and Carli Danielle, born in February 1989. Cynthia Elaine, born in 1960, lives in St. Albert, where she teaches special education at the Rundle School. Constance Anna, born in 1964, married Willie Chabaniuk. Corrine Muriel, born in 1968, married Darren Turner; and Carmen Jeanette, born in 1968. Charlene, Connie, Corrine and Carmen are all nurses, having trained at the Royal Alexandra Hospital. Charlene, prior to having her family, nursed in pediatrics, orthopedics, and specialized in obstetrics in the delivery and labor room. Connie is an intensive care nurse, and has specialized in a new program to Canada in 1989 as an extra corporeal membrane oxygenation (E.C.M.O.) nurse in neonatal intensive care, and Carmen works in the neonatal intensive care. The younger three all live in Edmonton.

At the present time I, too, am working as a secretary at the Royal Alexandra Hospital full time. Allan has a small business which he conducts out of the house.

All of our girls were bussed to school. Charlene went to St. Albert Paul Kane High School, as did Cynthia for Grades 10 and 11. Sturgeon Composite High School was operational by the time Cynthia was in Grade 12, and she entered the brand new school. Cynthia went to Namao School for Grade 9. Connie started Grade 5 at Namao, and Corrine and Carmen started Grade 1.

Lucky for us, Mrs. Verna Hansen was giving music lessons in the Namao district, so Connie,

Corrine and Carmen had an opportunity to continue with their music lessons. Namao offered Explorers and CGIT at the United Church. Connie finished her Explorers here and went on to CGIT. Corrine and Carmen took Explorers. Our girls were very busy babysitters from the time that we moved to the acreage, and no week went by when one, two or three, were not so occupied. Some of the families had every one of our girls from Charlene down to Corrine and Carmen as their babysitters. Cynthia also taught beginner piano lessons and gym classes.

I was secretary of the Namao Community League for several years, where I helped with catering, dances, etc. I also counselled Explorers for three years. I played baseball with the "Godmothers" for three years, when that team was first started.

Moving to the acreage, which we call the Finca, was an interesting move for our family. There is quite a transition from city life to country life, but luckily I was born and raised on the same property, so was able to guide the family in "farming" our small plot of land. The cow we milked, the calves we raised, the chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, rabbits, and the huge garden we grew each year, made us almost self sufficient food-wise. This, although a very good practical experience, was certainly a lot of work compared to a city lot. The girls really thrived on it and still come to visit often.

Since we purchased this property from my father, the surrounding landscape has changed dramatically. Most of the amenities, taken for granted in the city, were not available. The natural gas was made available in 1975, which allowed us to say good-bye to the coal and wood furnace. The sewer was put by the property in 1986, and around the same time cable TV was put past the property. The road which everyone remembers by the broken windshields, lights and rock chips in their vehicles, was upgraded in 1987 and paved in 1988. It certainly has been worth the inconvenience it caused the year before. The water was put past the property in 1989.

In 1967, there were no acreages being developed within the district. The same year we purchased the land, however, Sturgeon Crest started to be developed and Viscount Estates followed close behind. In 1974, when we were reshingling the roof of the old farm house, we counted 52 houses under construction that we could see from the top of the roof.

Since moving to the acreage, we have ex-

perienced a few really forceful storms. The first one was the end of July 1974, when we had a lot of trees broken, and as we were reconstructing some of the house, we had some broken windows which caused water damage also. July of 1987 also produced a tornado, which did extensive damage to some areas of Edmonton, and which pulverized our garden; as well, hail blasted the paint off everything it touched. The recent winters, on the whole, have been very mild, with most not having much snow or cold weather.

BEVAN, Dr. and Mrs. Art

Dr. and Mrs. (Art and Joyce) Bevan and their sons, Michael and Steven, moved to Sturgeon Crest from St. Albert in 1976. The family has been involved in various school and community organizations since that time. They have travelled to Hawaii, Israel, Egypt, Florida and the Caribbean, and enjoy their summers at Lake Wabamun.

Art has been a soccer coach and avid supporter of his sons' sports endeavours in soccer, baseball and hockey. He enjoys antique cars, sailing, and, in 1989, he restored a CN caboose. It was moved to its present site at Seba Beach where it is used as a guest home. His optometric practice is in Edmonton.



Art, Steven, Michael and Joyce Bevan.

Joyce, a former teacher, has been an active volunteer and committee member at Namao School, working in the library and classrooms and serving on NaMPA (Namao Music Parents' Association) and various other parents' groups. She continues to be involved in the Sturgeon Composite High School Advisory Council and the Sturgeon Bursary Foundation.

Michael attended Namao School from 1976 until 1986, graduating with honours. He received several academic awards, was co-captain of the senior boys' volleyball team in 1986, and was a member of the award-winning advanced band, also in 1986. He continued on to Sturgeon Composite High School, served on the school council, and maintained his honours standing through graduation in 1989. He has completed his first year in the Faculty of Commerce at the University of Alberta.

Steven attended Namao School from 1978 until 1988. He was active in school and community sports and played hockey in Morinville for five years. While in the band program at Namao, he received a music award in 1986. In 1988 he performed a lead role in the operetta, *Iolanthe*. Steven is enrolled at Sturgeon Composite High School in Grade 11 and continues to be involved with sports activities.

BLAND, Archibald and Descendants, 1893

as written by a granddaughter, Mrs. Ellen Lamoureux

George Bland (1898-1969) married Emma Carleton (1904-1962).

From that union there were six children: Ellen, a Graduate of the Misericordia Hospital School of Nursing, married Hubert Lamoureux. They live on the W½ 4-55-23 W4. As well as farming, Hubert has been a Councillor for the M.D. of Sturgeon for 15 years.

They have four children, all married and living within one mile of their parents.

David married Margaret Helen Scott, a New Zealander. They live on the original homestead of Hubert's grandfather, Docithée Lamoureux, who filed on the W½ of 32-55-23 W4 in 1883. David farms in partnership with his father. He is an Alberta Wheat Pool delegate and pilots his own home-built aircraft. David and Margaret have three children: Nadine, Jason and Dustin.

Barbara married Douglas Huard. He is a supervisor at Safeway's Lucerne Milk Plant. Doug and Barbara graduated in Industrial Food Tech-

nology at NAIT. They have two girls, Angela and Colleen.

Brenda married Ken Franson. Ken works for Sokil Express Lines Ltd. They have four children: Jamie, Kentessa, Charlotte and Brandon.

Ken married Kathleen McIntosh. He is working for Sturgeon Valley Fertilizers as an agronomist, having graduated from the two year course at Olds Agricultural College.

Wallace, who is retired from the Edmonton City Police Force, is working for a private investigation agency. He married Jacqueline Lawrence and they have six children.

Valerie lives in Leduc. She married Richard Gow and has two girls, Felicia Rene and Cheyenne Lee. She is a dance instructor (A.R.A.D.) at the Alberta Theatre Arts Centre located in the Old King Edward School, as well as Grant MacEwan College.

Evelyn married Terrance Noonan. Terry works in the family meat marketing business. They live in Edmonton and have two boys, Cavin and Wilfred (Billy). Evelyn is a free-lance dance instructor.

Colin married Holly Jacquard and has one boy, Colin Jr. Colin is part owner of Alberta Stage Lighting and does lighting and sound for various celebrity shows.

Leslie married Susan Woywitka and is co-founder, along with his wife, of Stage Polaris. He acts, teaches and directs at that studio. He has his B.A. in Fine Arts.

Shane is adopted and is 12 years old.

Margaret married Charles Pickering. Charles passed away in 1989. Margaret lives in Sherwood Park. She has three children.

Bradley married Ronda Johnson. They live in Sherwood Park and have two sons, Chad and Travis. Bradley is Manager of Real Estate Services for the County of Strathcona.

Blaine is unmarried and lives in Sherwood Park. He is a survey technician for the County of Strathcona.

Michele married Philip Ashbury. They live in Calgary and have one daughter, Candice. Philip is a technician for Home Oil, and Michele works as a secretary in a children's hospital in Calgary.

Linden is unmarried and lives in Calgary. He is an Engineering Consultant.

Ben married Margaret Pfoh. They live on the original N.W. 33-55-24 W4 which his father, George, bought from the CPR through the Soldier Settlement Board after he returned from serving overseas in World War I. Ben farms and

Margaret is a Psychiatric Nurse at Alberta Hospital, Edmonton. They have four children.

Shauna has two children, Tanner and Jessica. She is attending the U. of A. taking her B.A. in Education.

Sheldon is a graduate in Mechanical Engineering at the U. of A. and will complete his Master's Degree this summer.

Maxine is in her second year of B.Sc. in Nursing.

Christopher is seven years old.

Gary married Rena McRobbie. They live in Morinville and own a bulk milk trucking business. They have a family of four.

Rod married Janice Scott and lives in Morinville. He is apprenticing as a sheet metalist. They have two children, Justin and Alyssa.

Tracy lives in Winnipeg and sells ladies clothing.

Sandra is a hair dresser and dental assistant. Todd drives a truck for his dad.

BOKENFOHR, William Family History

William Bokenfohr, son of the late Fritz Bokenfohr, was born and raised in the district of Cardiff, Alberta, which is located close to the town of Morinville. His father, Fritz, was born in Germany and moved to Nebraska, U.S.A. when Fritz was 14 years old. In 1902, Fritz, his parents and



Standing: Joanne, Richard, Thomas. Sitting: William (Bill), Laura, Karen.

brothers moved to Morinville, Alberta. They moved on to a farm which was located south of the then coal mining town of Cardiff, Alberta. This farm was later owned by William Kieser, who was the brother of Fritz's wife, Annie Kieser.

Fritz and Annie made their home one mile north of the town of Cardiff. They had eleven children of whom William was the oldest.

In 1942, when James Sutherland of Namao retired, Fritz Bokenfohr bought the Sutherland farm.

William (Bill) returned from military service in 1946, after World War II ended. He worked as a farmer in the Morinville, Cardiff and Namao areas, and in 1949 married Laura Harges, who came from Paradise Hill, Saskatchewan.

The Sutherland farm became their first and only home. Laura still lives there. Laura and Bill had one son, Richard, who went to school at Namao until the high school was closed, then completed high school in Edmonton.

William passed away on November 30, 1988 at the age of 69.

Richard, his son, Tom, and daughter, Karen, currently reside in the same farm yard as Laura. Richard's wife, Joanne Critchley of Bon Accord, was killed in an automobile accident in 1986.

BOKENFOHR, Frank and Margaret and Family

written by daughter Noreen Bokenfohr — with notes and excerpts from family records

Both Frank and Margaret come from a long line of farmers and enjoy the challenge and rewards this occupation offers. Frank was born February 1922 and raised in Cardiff, Alberta, the



Family gathering after Fredrick (Fritz) Bokenfohr Funeral, May, 1966. (Father of Frank and William Bokenfohr.)



Frank and Margaret Bokenfohr Farmstead, taken in 1957.

third oldest of 11 children. His parents were Frederick (Fritz) and Annie (nee Kieser) Bokenfohr. Frank farmed with his brother, Ferd, from 1949 to 1955 in the St. Albert area.

Margaret (nee Maier) was born May 1931, and raised in Paradise Hill, Saskatchewan, the second oldest of seven children; a sister died in infancy. Her parents were William and Theresa (nee Harges) Maier.

Frank and Margaret were married in June 1956. A year prior to their marriage, Frank's father had purchased the Urealta farmstead in Namao. It was there Frank and Margaret's marriage and farming career commenced. Many fond memories and moments were shared in early years with Roy and Peggy Bonham, who resided on the farmstead, renting a house and barns, from 1955 to 1958.

Frank and Margaret have many common interests and are musically inclined. Many house parties with family and friends have been enjoyed with Frank's button accordion and Margaret's piano playing abilities.

The original farmstead was built in 1937 by E. I. Clark, with the exception of a three-storey brick house, built earlier. The brick house has since been replaced by a new home built in 1973.

Frank and Margaret have four children: Noreen, born in May 1957; Timothy, born in February 1959; Larry, in September 1960 and Gordon born in May 1965. All children attended school at Namao. Their high school education was obtained at M.E. LaZerte and Sturgeon Composite. Tim and Gordon went to NAIT and are hydro-carbon engineer technologists.

The children were, and to some extent, still are actively involved in sports. Many happy times were shared in participating in volleyball, basketball, baseball, track, rugby, etc. from Namao to Edmon-



Back, L-R: Larry, Frank, Gordon. Front, L-R: Margaret, Noreen, Tim. Christmas, 1989.

ton and other Sturgeon District Schools. Throughout the years, many memorable occasions have been reminisced. One such highlight included seeing six Namao area boys, (Tim being one of these), win the provincial and city titles for their efforts on a CFB hockey team.

Skating was learned and enjoyed at Namao Rink. Presently, the three sons participate in the annual hockey scrimmages each Christmas with their friends and fellow neighbors. Both Larry and Gordon play hockey with the Namao Nationals.

Noreen has presently completed eleven years as senior clerical with Alberta Family and Social Services in Edmonton.

Tim works for Norcen Oil and Gas and lives in Calgary.

Larry is following in his father's footsteps and is farming at home.

Gordon, who works at Dow Chemical in Fort Saskatchewan, resides on the home place.

BONHAM, Roy and Peggy

Roy and Peggy Bonham left the Namao area in 1958 with their youngest daughter, Joanne, not yet two years old. They bought a small hog farm on the outskirts of Vegreville. There they raised pure bred Large English Whites for breeding stock and as market hogs. The work was hard and the hours long, but they enjoyed being in business for themselves. Living so close to Highway 16, their home was a favorite place for friends and relatives to stop for coffee and Peggy's fresh cake or pie.



Roy and Peggy Bonham, 50th Anniversary.

Many stayed on for supper and a game of cards. There was always a bed if you needed it for the night. Joanne went to school in Vegreville until she finished her Grade 10, then she moved to Rivercourse and attended Grades 11 and 12 with her niece and nephew at Paradise Valley High School. In 1973, Roy and Peggy sold their pigs and farm and retired to a little home with a big garden in Paradise Valley. Roy, at 78, still has a big garden every summer and supplies many of his neighbors with fresh vegetables, and his children with all the raspberries they can eat. Peggy still knits dozens of pairs of mitts and slippers and lovely baby clothes. She can still make a delicious pan of fudge, and wins prizes at the local fair for her baking and knitting. They both enjoy playing cards and Peggy loves to play bingo.

Joanne Bonham met Doug Kragnes of Paradise Valley in 1974 and they were married in Lloydminster in the summer of 1975. Doug owned his own truck and worked at Fort McMurray and did a lot of long hauls into the southern states. Karman Randi, their first daughter, was born in February of 1981, and Coral Ann made her appearance in November of 1983. Doug and Joanne lived in Paradise Valley for several years. Joanne moved into Lloydminster when she and Doug were separated in 1985. Joanne works for the Co-operators Insurance Company and cares for her home and family.

Iva, Roy and Peggy Bonham's middle daughter, still lives on the farm with her husband, David Haan. They had four children: Dean, Vicki, Susie and Mitchell. Dean and his wife, Cindy, farm a few miles from the home place. Dean farms his own place and gives his dad a hand, when need-



Karen and Carol Kragnes.

ed. He also drives a school bus. Cindy is a legal secretary in Lloydminster. Vicki married her school sweetheart, Blair Elliott, and they farm at McLaughlin, Alberta. They have three sons: Brent, born in 1981; Chad, born in 1984, and young Jamie in 1985.



Back Row, L-R: The Haan Clan, 1988. (Dean and Cindy) Mitchell — (Vicki and Blair), (Aaron — Brady, Susie), Iva — David, Jamie — Chad, Brent

Susie Haan married Aaron Eidsvik in May of 1985 and they live in Marwayne. Their son, Brady, was born in Septmeber of 1988. Aaron has his own truck service and Susie has a hair salon in Marwayne.

Mitchell, David and Iva's youngest son, is still at home farming with his dad and doing some trucking between the busy spring and fall seasons.

BOOTH Family

After the passing of Harold Booth, Gertrude Booth continued to live in her little home situated on the farm. In the fall of 1967 Gertrude married her next door neighbour, Mr. George Bland. They moved to Morinville after their marriage. They enjoyed their married life to the fullest, travelling throughout the Southern States and keeping close contact with their friends and family at home. After two wonderful years of being together, George Bland passed away on December 26. In her time of remorse, the need for companionship and the love of her family prompted Gertrude to move back to her small home on the farm. There she remained until poor health forced her to relocate to the Dickinsfield Nursing Home where she died at the age of 82 on January 30, 1983.

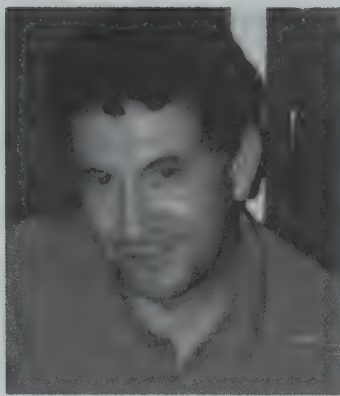
Herb and Eileen Booth were able to carry on with their dairy farm with the help of their children. Each child did a man-size job from a very early age. All five children went to Namao School riding on Roy Davis' school bus every day. They were all very active in sports. The three boys played hockey every winter, which meant lots of time on the road for Herb: three boys, three teams, three arenas. It did make it easier if two boys could play on the same team. Many suppers were eaten from



Gertrude (Booth) Bland, 1982.



Eileen Booth



Herb Booth

a brown bag on the road to the hockey arena. Summers were always busy too, with lots of farm work and track and field meets all over the province. Herb worked as an official at many of these track meets. The four older children went to high school at M.E. LaZerte in Edmonton, which was a long bus ride until they were able to buy a car. When Glori was ready for high school, so was Sturgeon Composite. As the boys finished school and got jobs that paid real money, Herb and Eileen found the work of the dairy herd just too much. In 1975 they sold the cows and the farm machinery.

Hal worked at several jobs, then attended NAIT to get his Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Certification. While attending NAIT, he met Shelley Sorenson who was in the Radiation Technology program. They were married in December 1979 and bought a home in Beaumont. In November 1984 their first son, Morgan Brett, was born, and in December of 1986 their second son, Blair Evan, arrived. Hal now has his own business, Custom Mechanical, and is very busy with work, his family and his home. Shelley is a busy full-time wife and mother and does some part-time work at a clinic as an X-Ray Technician.

Darrell played junior hockey in B.C. for three years; then, after a back injury, came back to Alberta to work and live. He has been with Sturgeon Valley Fertilizer Ltd. for over ten years. In 1984 Darrell married Sherri Wagner from the Horsehill area. They bought a home in Gibbons and Sherri worked for the Balfour Grain Company. In May 1986, twin boys, Brett Jordan and Clark Andrew, were born to Darrell and Sherri. This pair really keep their parents busy but happy. Darrell and Sherri are building a house near Cardiff.

Tim worked at several jobs after leaving school, all requiring hard, physical labour. When the doctors diagnosed a back injury, they told him he could no longer put that physical stress on his back, so Tim had to prepare himself for a differ-



Hal and Shelley Booth.

ent kind of work. After many extra school courses he enrolled in the Laboratory Technology course at NAIT. It has been two very difficult years of study, but he should be finished in June.

Naomi got a secretarial job after she graduated from high school and moved into Edmonton. She has worked for several firms in different areas of the business world: construction, publications and real estate. She is now with Sterling Green Associates as a secretary receptionist and nurse for several psychologists and psychiatrists. She owns a town house in the Clareview area, and her brother, Tim, lives with her while he is in school.

Glori became a secretary when she graduated and worked for several firms in downtown Edmonton. She moved in with her sister, Naomi, so she would not have the long drive from the farm everyday. In June 1984, Glori married Randy Rusnell from the St. Albert area. Randy has his own property management business, Rusnell Management Services. After several years, Glori now works full-time at the business too. They have a lovely home in St. Albert.

Herb worked at several jobs after he sold the cows: Woodward's, Morinville Arena, Oakhill Boys' Ranch, painting and school bus driving. He also spent many evenings a week during the winter months refereeing hockey games, and his summer weekends were spent officiating at track meets all over Alberta. Eileen also officiated at the majority of these meets. Herb loved the children on the school bus, and really enjoyed his trips as he drove the seniors on outings in their little van. Herb and Eileen were very active at their Alliance Church



Darrell and Sherri Booth.



Randy and Glory Rusnell.

in St. Albert. Both taught Sunday School and gained many valued friendships. Herb continued to drive the school bus for Kevin Kowalski until just a few weeks before he died of cancer on February 13, 1989.

Even though they sold their farm in 1980, they continued to live in the house and use the buildings, thanks to the kindness of the owner, Bernard Clare. Eileen is still at the farm but finds it very lonesome and frequently visits her many friends and loving family. She hopes to move into the city very soon.

BOROSUIK, Bill and Sonia

Borosuiks reside in Carbondale on the site of the old Penn Mines. They moved there in 1974 from Edmonton with five daughters. The oldest, Valerie, is now married to Dwayne Becker and they have three children: Kristen, Kelsey and Konrad. They are residing in the County of Parkland. The second oldest, Brenda, and her son, Nicholas, both reside in Edmonton. The third oldest, Linda, and her husband Ken Kon, and their two sons, Brandon and Justin, are residing in Edmonton. The fourth oldest, Twila, now attending NAIT, resides in Edmonton. The fifth oldest, Lisa, works and resides at home.

Sonia was the daughter of Jim and Doris Wakal, originally from Horse Hill where she took her schooling and graduated in 1956. She spent all her summers at her Aunt Mary Nelsen's farm, helping the boys with various chores and trying to stay out of mischief. To reminisce about the old days growing up around Namao creates quite a few laughs now and a lot of cherished memories.

Bill was the son of Mike and Ruth Borosuk from Vilna, where he grew up on the farm and received his schooling. He now enjoys the outdoors and helping Sonia in community activities.

Sonia's best memory of living in this area is the involvement with people in the community, and cooking for the various functions that are put on.

BOSHIER, Albert and Gwladys

Mr. Albert Edward Boshier and Gwladys Jane Boshier resided at Rivercrest nursing home at Fort Saskatchewan until Dad's passing April 24, 1974 at the age of 80.

Mom moved to Norwood Auxiliary Extended-care in Edmonton as she was confined to a wheelchair. Mom passed away October 26, age 84. Mom



Mr. and Mrs. Albert Edward Boshier Wedding, March 2, 1918.

and Dad are buried in Evergreen Memorial Garden.

BOSHIER, Raymond and Pat

Raymond and his wife, Pat, lived on the family farm until the fall of 1969, when they sold to Mr. and Mrs. Mel Sillito. They moved to Edmonton. In 1974 they bought an acreage at Ardrossan and moved there. Ray's wife passed away October 1986. Ray still lives on the acreage. He worked from the time he left the farm until he retired recently, at Walters Oil Tool Machinery Ltd., as a welder. He still works for short periods when they require his experience.

BRENTON, Sam and Dorothy (nee Boshier)

Sam and Dorothy reside in Fort Saskatchewan.

Sam retired from Sherritt Gordon two years ago. Their daughter, Irene, lives in Montreal where she works.

Ron, their son, bought a house in Fort Saskatchewan and works for Chev Olds as a mechanic. Both children are still single.

BOWMAN, Tom (1920)

submitted by Wendy Blakley

Tom Bowman, born in Cumberland, England, on March 31, 1894, was the youngest of four siblings, a sister, Mary and two brothers, Joe and Bill.

Tom's mother, Mary (nee Batey) passed away when he was two and his father, Thomas Bowman, when he was ten.

At the age of fourteen, Tom was sent to live with an uncle in Ontario. After finishing school in Guelph, Ontario, he moved west to Edmonton in 1912. Tom worked in the city for sometime at Henshall Dairies. On December 15, 1917, Tom enlisted in the United States Army and served in the First World War until his discharge on April 21, 1919. He returned to the Edmonton district, and with his brother, Bill, rented a farm from Harry Bell in Sunnyside in 1920.

On December 23, 1923 Tom married Annie Elizabeth, daughter of Will and Hannah Storie, pioneers of the Horsehill district. The following year, Tom and Annie purchased the farm from Mr. Bell.

Tom and Annie had two children, Thomas Douglas (Doug) and Helen Irene. Tom lived on the farm until his death on July 13, 1954. Annie remained on the farm until 1978.

Doug married Lois Burns from Edmonton on October 19, 1951. Doug built their home on the family farm. Doug and Lois had two children, Thomas William (Tom) and Wendy.

Helen married Hector Gervais in 1954, and moved to the St. Albert area. Helen and Hec had five children: Janet, Sandy, Hector, Kim and Stanley. They are presently residing in St. Albert.

Annie married George Knight, previously of Sunnyside, on June 21, 1964. They remained on the family farm until 1978, at which time they moved to Spruceview Manor in Gibbons. Annie passed away at the age of 77 on March 13, 1980 and on June 12, 1982 George passed away at the age of 84.

On April 15, 1977 Tom married Lavonne Chowaniec, of Sunnyside. They lived in Edmonton until they moved to Annie's home on the fa-

mily farm in 1978. They had two children, Thomas Patrick (Patrick) and Chrissy. Patrick is a fifth generation "Tom Bowman".

In 1981 Doug and Lois sold the family farm when they, as well as Tom, Lavonne and children, moved to Cameron Park in Sunnyside. Although Doug ceased to farm, he continued with his carpentry skills, remaining the "handyman" of both Sunnyside and Namao.

On August 13, 1983 Wendy married Jim Blakley of Edmonton, where they resided. Then in 1984 Wendy and Jim returned, and now reside, on the original building site of the Bowman Family Farm.

On December 10, 1989, both Sunnyside and Namao Communities lost their "handyman". Doug passed away at the age of 64.

BREITKREUZ, Wally, Sharon and Kirsty

Even though our roots are solidly planted in the Namao district now, we would like to start this history in the area where Wally and Sharon were born and lived until young adulthood, and even further back to the time of their parents.

Wally's parents were married in Holden, Alberta, in 1931 and farmed there until 1935, when they moved to Oneway. The move consisted of two loaded horse-drawn hay racks, loaded down with all of their possessions.

Wally was born on the farm in 1937 and continued living there until he completed his high school education.

Sharon's father, Thomas Cook, was born in Glasgow, Scotland and migrated with his entire family to San Francisco at the turn of the century. He was there during the 1906 earthquake. In 1909, the entire Cook family, including young Tom, came to Oneway and homesteaded a few miles north of Oneway. Tom Cook served with distinction in the First World War in France, and in the Second World War in the Aleutian Islands off the coast of Alaska.

Sharon's mother came from New York State with her family in 1912, at the age of 13. She met Tom Cook in Oneway and they married in their early middle age. She celebrated her ninetieth birthday at a large open house gathering of family and friends at our home on Sunday, July 23, 1989. Sharon was born to Tom and Mildred Cook in August of 1940 and completed high school in Oneway. Wally and Sharon were married in 1958 and lived in Edmonton until 1969.

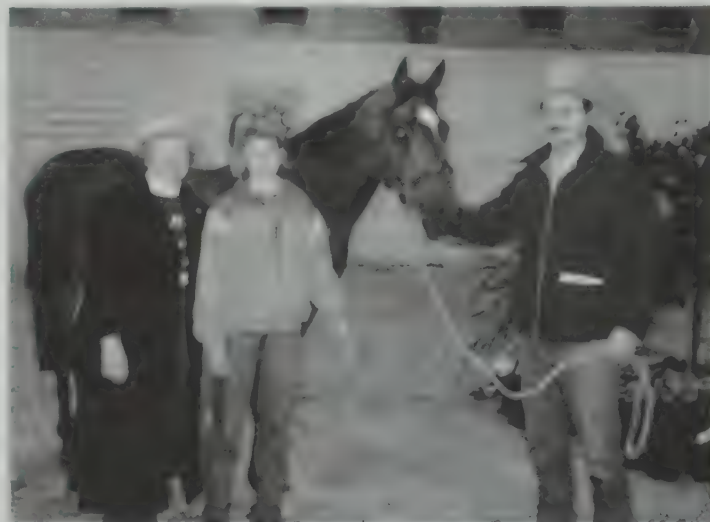
In the fall of 1968, we (Wally and Sharon) bought part of the NW 2-24-54-W4 from Robert

and Jessie Briggs and moved into our new home on April 1, 1969.

A historical title search shows the original land grant from the Dominion government to the first private owner was issued to James McDiarmid on September 29, 1896. James McDiarmid owned the land until November 13, 1901, when he sold it to Cuthbert Navin, who held it until August 22, 1905, when he sold it to John Robert MacIntosh. It was then sold to Oscar J. Lucas of Latham, Illinois, on September 4, 1906, who sold it to Eli J. Taylor on August 13, 1912.

Mr. Taylor divided the title into three parcels on May 1, 1913. The smallest parcel of 27 acres was owned by Thomas Lynch from 1913 until 1933, and then was sold to John Whiteford. John Whiteford also became the owner of the largest of the three parcels, the 87 acre parcel, in May of 1919, and he owned both of those parcels until he died in 1947. Our enquiries of old timers in the district make it reasonably clear that the old gable-roofed barn with a complete lean on each side, which is in full use by us the year round, was built by either Thomas Lynch or John Whiteford. Robert (Bob) Briggs bought the two Whiteford parcels in 1952 and built a frame stucco bungalow and a matching frame stucco garage on the property very shortly after that. The house burned down on March 16, 1971, when no one was at home. Fire was caused by a complicated chain of events involving the Air Force and the Power Company. We rebuilt during the same summer on the same site.

In addition to the 16 acre parcel which we own, we lease 40 acres of grazing land from the Provincial Crown in the quarter section north of ours, and 57 acres of hay land from the Provincial



Sharon, Kirsty, and Wally Breitkreuz with a 2½ year old Trakehner stallion, February, 1990.

Crown in the NW 2. This provides all the hay we need for our horse breeding farm. The remaining acreage in this section is farmed by Bernie Briggs, Bob and Jessie's son.

We raise Trakehner horses, a Prussian Warmblood breed whose origin two centuries ago was a military horse but has, in the past fifty or so years, been refined to a dressage and hunter type breed.

During the first few years that we lived out here, our church home was Braemar Baptist Church in the south side of Edmonton, but since 1984, we have transferred our membership to Steele Heights Baptist Church. In addition, when our daughter was younger, we enjoyed some of the pleasant events sponsored by the Namao and Patricia United Church when George and Ruth Cessford were still active in those communities. Kirsty, our daughter, who was born on April 21, 1973, also had the opportunity of being an active member in the Namao 4-H Beef Club for three years.

Over the years, we have developed a kinship with the Namao community and our neighbours, and respect and love the land on which we live. Hopefully, the heritage which we have established will be passed on to our grandchildren, so that they too may be able to enjoy this bountiful land.

CAMERON, Evan

by daughter Christina Dorward and son Archie Cameron

It was in the year 1908 that a young man, named Evan Cameron, left his home in Greensbrook, Pictou County, Nova Scotia for his first glimpse of the Western Canadian prairies. He came via the "harvester special" which routinely brought Easterners out to help with the harvests being reaped in the virgin soils of Western Canada. He also had a visit with his sister, Christie who, having married Mr. Alex Cameron from Pictou County, Nova Scotia, had already settled in Edmonton.

After this memorable occasion he returned to Nova Scotia where he lived with his widowed mother on a farm, which when compared to western farms, was not too productive, being small, heavily wooded and stoney.

It was not surprising therefore that in 1911 he sold the farm to an uncle living nearby, and he and his mother came to Edmonton to seek their fortune.

They lived in a house next door to Alex and Christie Cameron on what was known in those days as Fraser Avenue. It wasn't difficult for Mrs. Cameron to soon become self-sufficient, as almost from the time of her arrival her home became a boarding house for Nova Scotians.

In those days, Alberta was just opening up. It had become a province a scant six years before, and homesteads were being claimed and rural areas becoming established. There was a great need for teachers in rural areas and this was met in some instances by young single female teachers coming from the east. Nova Scotians being a "clannish" type of people, seemed to stick together, thus the home of Mrs. Anne Cameron became another home for many who were far from kith and kin. At one time there was as many as eight teachers boarding at the Fraser Avenue house or calling it their home farm north of the city on 142 Street, about three miles north of 137 Avenue, about midway between St. Albert and Namao, at Campbell Siding, first stop on the then Edmonton Dunvegan British Columbia railroad, later the Northern Alberta Railway.

The farm, 175 acres owned by Mr. O'Leary of Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. was a strip along the whole south side of Section 12-54-24 W4. We always had to go past it on 142 Street because of Campbell Siding and cross only one track, and then back south almost one quarter mile to get into the farmyard. For 20 years Camerons used Campbell Siding as additional cattle pasture. Our farm had great advantage as we could travel 142 Street or 127 Street into Edmonton.

To the south on the first half mile lay the Lenny Goodridge farm and on the next half mile to the east was the Ed Hoover farm which sometime later (1919-1920) Evan rented until 1935 when Charlie Hoover, one of the boys, took it over. To the east across 127 Street lay the farm of William Latimer who, in 1936, bought the O'Leary farm which Evan was renting. To the north lay the United Church Indian Residential School land, the fence line of which is now part of the northern boundary of the city of Edmonton. Over the Years Evan Cameron broke pretty near all the land on the rented parcels both with horses and, in later years, with tractors.

A son, Robert Evan, was born in 1918 and died in 1929 at the age of eleven as a result of a fall from a horse.

A daughter, Christina Evelyn, was born in 1920 and a daughter, Isabelle Sara, in 1923. The children attended a one room school known as

Bellerose one mile across country to the northeast, offering education to the Grade 8 level.

World War I came and went as did the flu epidemic and the great depression with very little impact on the lives of the Camerons. Life on the farm always provided sufficient food for daily needs. There were many transients who would stop in asking for enough work to pay for a meal. Being close to the city and the railroad had its disadvantages but quite a bit of wood got chopped. More than once the sight of the farmyard turkey flock on the train tracks, with the gobblers all fluffed up and strutting in defiance, was enough to stop the train, which travelled much slower in those days.

Evan Cameron continued to maintain a lot of horses on the farm, not only utility type Clydesdales and other strong horses but driving horses and riding horses. Some riding stable owners boarded their horses at the farm during the winter. The children always had a pony. On stormy winter days when the children had walked to school they were often picked up with horses and cutter. In the winter the horses and cutter would be driven to Calder and a trip to downtown Edmonton would then be via the old red and green Calder streetcar.



Potato Harvesting about 1920. L-R: (older ones) Alex Sinclair, Evan Cameron, Charley Sinclair, Oliver Sinclair and Bill Sinclair. Children: Bert and Archie Cameron.

To say that Evan Cameron was extremely fond of horses is not to say that he disliked mechanical devices, albeit that they might be expensive. He always owned a car, tractors, a threshing machine and other assorted machinery related to the art of farming. In the fall Evan threshed the crops of neighbors for miles around with his outfit and in turn the neighbors came as crew when it was time for the Cameron crop to be harvested.

Our good neighbors, the Peter Sinclair family, lived across the siding directly west of our farm and on the west side of 142 Street. For all the years

we were at Campbell Siding the Sinclair phone to some extent was our phone.

Our Christmas concerts were one of the highlights of the school years and took place in Harold's Hall, also known as Bellerose Hall. Many dances and card parties were held there also.

For a few years Mr. Charles Burnell held Sunday School in the hall. The Cameron children were baptised in the United Church Chapel in the Indian Residential School by Rev. J. S. Woodsworth who for many years was the Superintendent of the school.

Some of our classmates at Bellerose school were the Lloyd Crozier family, the Harrold children, Jack and Joe Thompson families, Bill Davidson family, Latimer families, Rozell family, Van Brabant family, Ralph Scragg family and others.

The teachers, I (Archie) remember best, were Maude and Alex Sinclair and my all-time favorite was Miss Olive Holmes, later Mrs. Jack Harrold.

In 1936 Mr. O'Leary, who lived in Seattle and who owned the Campbell Siding farm, decided to sell, so Evan Cameron was forced to cast about to find another home for his family. The tie to Edmonton was still very strong since two sisters and his elderly widowed mother were still living there, so it is doubtful if he scanned the horizons as far as the Peace River country.

He eventually made an agreement with a Mr. Luther Bacon for rental of a farm in the Alcomdale area and the exodus from the O'Leary farm took place. Son Archie and helpers herded a hundred head of cattle 16 miles north on Highway 2 and 10 miles west to the Alcomdale farm. Most of the household goods went via the Northern Alberta Railway in a boxcar.

This move was temporary. In 1938 the SE ¼ 25-56-27 W4, a raw quarter about a mile away, was purchased from the Nobert family and a permanent home was built.

At the time of this move, Archie was 22 and on the lookout for a farm of his own, eventually acquiring the quarter immediately east of Evan. Daughter Christina was 18 and about to embark on a nursing career. Daughter Isabelle was still completing high school at Busby, commuting the seven miles on horseback every day.

The family was active in the district of Independence where Evan, blessed with a strong singing voice, participated in the Independence United Church choir for many years. His wife, Jeanette, had a great talent for handwork, especially embroidery and crocheting. She was active in the Independence Woman's Institute.

Evan and Jeanette Cameron remained on the farm until the mid 1950s, at which time Mr. Cameron's health began to fail. In 1956 they moved permanently to Edmonton where they lived with daughter Christina, although they spent most summers out on the farm. Evan Cameron passed away in May, 1959, and wife Jeanette continued to spend summers on the farm until her passing 10 years later, in March, 1969. They are buried in the Forest Hill Cemetery at Busby, Alberta.

Son Archie married Florence Mills of Independence in 1940 where they took up farming and raised nine children: Evan, Elaine, Mabel, Douglas, twins Gail and Glen, twins Bruce and Stuart, and Neil.



Evan Sr. and Jeanette Cameron — early 1950 at Alcomdale.

Daughter Christine married Fred Dorward (Electrical Engineer) of Edmonton where they raised six children: Linda, David, Ross, Janet (deceased), Evan and Scott.

Daughter Isabelle married Marshall Mills of Independence (brother to Florence Mills) and they established a cattle ranch in Pink Mountain, B.C.,

where they raised three children: Connie, Wayne and Marilyn.

Florence died February 1991.

CAMERON, Evan Mills

by Evan M. Cameron

In 1972-73 Evan (Mills) Cameron, oldest son of Archie and Florence Cameron, and grandson of Evan Cameron, built a house and settled his family in the Namao area, on an acreage in the Noroncal (Bud Crozier) sub-division, not far from Campbell Siding where grandfather Evan Cameron originally farmed.

Evan was raised on the family farm near Alcomdale, met Nettie Luka of the Pibroch area while attending U. of A. and they were married in 1964. They resided in Edmonton for the first nine years before moving to the acreage in 1973 with their three children.

Pursuing a career in the telecommunications engineering field, Evan worked for A.G.T. for fourteen years before diverting into private practise in 1978, followed in 1982 by a seven year stint with an oil company in Libya. During this latter period educational requirements separated the children from the family extensively but gave them a good exposure to life in other parts of the world, especially Europe. In late 1989 the family 'reunited' once again, resuming residence in their Namao acreage home and more or less carrying on life as before.

Nettie was trained as a school teacher at U. of A. and has practised as such at various times over the years. She also has worked as a secretary on occasion, but mainly she has concentrated on raising the family — not an easy job to do, particularly over the telephone as was the case during the Libya sojourn. The children are:

Sheila Mae: born May, 1965, attended Namao Elementary and Jr. High schools as well as Sturgeon Composite High School and completed her high school in Lugano, Switzerland due to the family moving to Libya. She has since acquired a Home Economics degree from U. of A. and is currently House Manager at the Edmonton Jubilee Auditorium.

Patricia Deanne: born August, 1966, also attended Namao Elementary and Jr. High Schools as well as Sturgeon Composite High School and completed her high school in Lugano, Switzerland, followed by two years of Arts at U. of A. and a Cosmetology certificate at Alberta Fashion College. She is currently studying Graphic Arts at

Grant MacEwan College and working part-time in Woodward's Cosmetics.

Christopher Evan: born April, 1971, attended Namao Elementary School to grade 5 but completed his elementary and junior high schooling in Libya. High school was completed in Salzburg, Austria and Concordia College, Edmonton. He is currently studying Telecommunications Technology at NAIT and fishing.



Evan M. Cameron Family, 25th Wedding Anniversary gathering, 1989. L-R: Sheila, Patricia, Nettie, Evan and Christopher.

CAMERON, Donald E. Family

Mary Jane and Ken Sinclair have two daughters, Kerri Lee and Kelly Jean, both in University at this time. They now reside in Sidney, B.C.



Don and Carmen Cameron, July 22, 1990.



Ken, Kerri, Kelly and Jane Sinclair, July 22, 1990.

Daniel William is now married to Norma Audrey Searl of Biggar, Saskatchewan and have one daughter, Christy Dawn. Dan resides on the family farm.



Audrey, Dan and Christy Cameron, July 22, 1990.



Jason, Bob, Brodie, Gail and Ryan (front).

John Robert married Gail Yanew of Edmonton. They have three sons: twins, Jason Robert and Brodie Donald, and Ryan Andrew. Bob resides in Edmonton.

On August 1, 1990, Dan was killed in a truck-train accident at the level crossing at Carbondale one half mile from home. Dan was 42 years of age.

CARRUTHERS, Bruce and Catherine Family History

as told by Chris and Norman Carruthers

There have been many chapters in the story of the Carruthers family which begin at the family farm located at SW ¼ 27-55-24 W4. The youngest son of Elizabeth and Christopher, Bruce was born there on September 10, 1903. As a youth, he liked to play soccer and his soccer shoes hung at the back door for years. No doubt, he was pleased to see his grandsons, Bruce and Alex take up the sport. He also enjoyed the dances which were popular with the young people.

In 1934, Bruce married Catherine Harrold. She was a graduate of McTavish Business College and had worked for the Municipal District of Sturgeon from 1928 until her marriage. They made their home on the adjacent northwest quarter where they raised two sons, Chris, born May 19, 1935, and Norman, who was born on March 26, 1941. Although they were busy raising two boys as well as working on the farm, they always found time for their friends. Often on a winter's evening they would bundle the boys on the sleigh and walk over to Dale and Mable Shultz' place or the Davis' farm, among others, to visit. The family went to Excelsior Church until its closing, then they attended the Bon Accord United Church. As Catherine was an active U.C.W. member, Bruce was the familiar person at the door greeting the people the night of the fall supper.

Being an enterprising individual, Bruce managed the Parrish and Heimbecker elevator at Excelsior for a number of years in addition to farming. After this venture, Bruce acquired a commercial trucking business, hauling grain and livestock until 1967. In connection with the trucking business, Bruce and his boys loaded many old-fashioned boxcars for farmers which were antiques compared to the grain hopper cars in use today.

Together with their lifetime friends, Ada and Alex MacDonald, they took trips to Banff with a visit to the Calgary Stampede on the way home. Perhaps this friendship with the MacDonalds, who owned the Chrysler dealership in Bon Accord, led to Bruce's special interest in owning Chrysler cars.

As avid curlers, Catherine played on the ladies' teams, while Bruce played in the men's leagues. Quite often they would play in mixed bonspiels that took them out of town, away from the home ice at the Thistle Curling Club in Edmonton, to such places as Fort Saskatchewan and St. Albert.

Catherine is remembered for her kind, loving thoughtfulness. Her untimely passing in 1960 was felt by all who knew her.

Bruce continued to live on the farm, having married Verna Smith, until his passing on January 31, 1979.

When Alex and Isabella Carruthers left the family farm in 1955, Bruce and Chris took over from them. Recognizing the need to change with the times, Chris developed an extensive grain operation complete with modern equipment, designed with a proficiency far beyond the vision of Grandfather Christopher. This venture is still based from the old home quarter and has been expanded to include a Limousin beef herd.

In 1961, Chris was married to Sylvia Ottewell, whose family were early settlers in the Clover Bar district. Chris and Sylvia's eldest family member is Wade, who attended NAIT and has a career in Canon business machines. He and his wife, Annette, made their home in Saskatoon. The next member is Janice Hewitt, who is a teacher and currently a post-graduate student at the U. of A. She lives in Bon Accord with her three children; Brendon, Lacey, and Jessica. After having worked for Wardair, daughter Catherine went back to school and is completing a Bachelor of Arts degree. Both girls were active in the Namao 4-H Beef Club, with Cathy having been a member for eight years. The youngest child, Alex, was born in 1970. The following year the old Victorian-style house was torn down and a new home was built on the site. Alex completed his high school through Alberta Correspondence and saw a new mailing method introduced — lessons by fax, a great improvement, which is part of the technology of the day. Alex works with his father in the grain and cattle operation.

Although a modern paved highway borders the old home quarter, the familiar railroad tracks are silent. The grain is now moved by truck to larger facilities. With certainty, the future will bring more changes, many of which will be recorded in the name of progress.

CARRUTHERS, Thomas and Gladys Family History — 1924

Thomas and Gladys had three children: Tho-

mas Eldon, born in 1924, Mervin, born in 1927, and Donna, born in 1934. Thomas Sr. passed away in 1954. Gladys married Jimmy Williamson in 1960. They resided in Didsbury. Jimmy Williamson passed away June, 1985, and Gladys passed away in December, 1987.

Thomas Eldon married Thelma Morin who had one son, Charles. They had three sons: Timmy, Danny and Mervin. Eldon died in a car accident in 1964. Mervin married Joyce Smith and had one son, Brian. Mervin was killed in an oil field accident in 1955. Following his death, Joyce and her son, Brian, moved to B.C. Donna married Joseph Zettle and had four children: Sharon, Robert, Marie and Linda. Donna (Zettle) Carruthers resides in Calgary along with her four children. Bob married Cathy, a girl from B.C., in 1988. Marie married Darcy Spicer and they have two girls. Sharon and Linda are both still single.

Thelma Carruthers, wife of Thomas Eldon, married Haney Johnson. They lived on the homestead until the spring of 1989 when they moved to Bon Accord.

Chris Morin, son of Thelma, moved to the hamlet of New Norway where he purchased an acreage. He has two sons, Keith and Kevin. Timmy is still single and resides in the Morinville area.

Danny married Helene Van Hecke of Bremner, now part of Sherwood Park, in 1978. They reside on the Carruthers homestead with their three children; Laura, born in 1979; Christine, born in 1980; and Randy, born in 1982. Mervin married Judy Sugg of St. Albert in 1982. They reside in St. Albert. They have one daughter, Crystal, who was born in 1986.

CARSON, Arthur **1883**

continued from the second edition of "Cameo" written by Seane Carson

Arthur Carson, brother of Samuel, married Mary Bootsman in 1916, and farmed his original homestead until his death in 1940. They had four children; Wesley, Maurice, Betty and Jean.

Wesley, the eldest son, joined the RCMP in 1941 and remained with the force for twenty years. He later was employed with the Ontario Security Commission for nineteen years and retired in February 1979. While in the RCMP, he married Francis Kaufman of Guelph, Ontario and has a step-daughter, Dale. Francis passed away in October 1977 after a lengthy illness. After retirement, Wesley married Levina Lesurf and they still make

FO. M. A. Carson



their home in Mississauga, Ontario. From this union he acquired another step-daughter, Deborah.

The younger son, Maurice, joined the RCAF during World War II as a pilot and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross (D.F.C.) and Bar. After he returned home from the war, he married Nan Pasnak of Bon Accord and they had three children: two sons, Raymond and Randy, and one daughter, Jeanne. Maurice was employed by Imperial Oil in Edmonton, where he resided until his death on December 21, 1975. Raymond and Randy still live in Edmonton, and Jeanne, now Mrs. Michael Clark, makes her home in Squamish, British Columbia. Nan, Maurice's widow, remarried and now lives in Penticton, British Columbia.

Betty Carson, the eldest daughter of Arthur, enlisted in the Women's Division of the Canadian Air Force, and met an Australian airman, Ron Williams, who was in Canada at that time for training. They were married and later made their home in Australia. Ron fought a losing battle with malaria and passed away at a young age. Betty was left with six children: two daughters, Donna and Susan; and four sons, Barry, Garth, Brent and Rodney. Betty had failing health and passed away in 1981.

Soon after Arthur's farm was sold, Mary Carson and her daughter, Jean, moved to Australia too, and made their home there. Jean married Stanley Llowarch and has two sons, Wayne and Gregory, and one daughter, Jenny, now Mrs. Frank Jones. Mrs. Carson passed away in 1987.

CARSON, Samuel — 1883 **continued from the second edition of "Cameo"**

written by Seane Carson

Samuel Carson married Lauretta Maxfield in 1898. Mr. Carson resided on the original

homestead until his death in February 1949. There were four children in the family: Vera, Vernon, Ada and Allen. They all resided in the district. Mrs. Carson passed away in 1917.

Mr. Sam Carson, who was always active in school and church affairs, became a trustee in 1908 and acted in that capacity until the formation of the large school divisions in 1939. He was secretary-treasurer of the Farmers' Association in Nmao 1908-1909. In 1921 he became M.L.A. for Sturgeon Constituency, remaining in office for 14 years when, owing to ill health, he retired from active politics. Mr. Carson was also instrumental in the organization of the North Edmonton Farmers' Mutual Telephone Co. in 1936. He acted as first chairman of the board and was a director until 1944, again having to retire from the board due to ill health.

He was replaced by his youngest son, Allen, who served as a director until the Farmers Mutual was taken over by Alberta Government Telephones. Allen married Seane Bootsman and they have two sons, Gordon and Murray. They took up residence and farmed the farm formerly owned by his uncle, Charlie Carson.



Seane and Allen Carson.

Sam Carson's eldest daughter, Vera, married Maurice Lowe of Nmao and was very active in the work of the United Farm Women organization. She served as a director, provincial vice-president from 1942 to 1945, when she became

provincial president, holding office from 1946-1948.

A teaching career was chosen by his daughter, Ada, until she married Lee Potter of Sunnyside.

Vernon, Sam's eldest son, married Pauline Rye of Sunnyside and farmed his grandfather's homestead. He remained on the original homestead until his death in July 1980. His widow, Pauline, still resides there and it is now being farmed by their nephew, Murray Carson.

Allen, Sam's youngest son, farmed with his two sons, Gordon and Murray, until his health failed him and he passed away in January 1989. His widow, Seane, has remained on the farm.



Karen, Carole, Evelyn and Gordon Carson.

Allen's eldest son, Gordon, still resides on and farms the Charlie Carson homestead, and he is also employed by Edmonton Power Co. He married Evelyn Ramoutar of Trinidad and they have two daughters, Carole and Karen. Their eldest daughter, Carole, chose a teaching career and married Dave Ducharme of Penticton, British Columbia. Karen graduated as a Medical Librarian and married Trevor Prins of Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta.

Murray married Margaret Edwards of Edmonton and they had two daughters, Jodie and Leigh-Ann, and one son, Craig. They resided in Edmonton and after ten years of marriage were divorced.

Later on Murray married Arlene DeVries (Gray) of Edmonton, and they took up residence too on the Charlie Carson homestead, where besides farming, Murray also operates a refrigeration service. In November of 1987, Arlene had a massive heart attack and passed away at the age of thirty-nine.



Leigh Ann, Jodie, Craig, Arlene and Murray Carson.

Murray's eldest daughter, Jodie, married Dale Plamondon of Leduc and they have a son, Brett, and one daughter, Jennifer. Leigh-Ann is employed by the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, is married to Gerry Baird of Leduc, and they have one daughter, Shelby. Craig, after completing his high school at Namao, chose a career in plumbing, and married Leanne Stewart of Namao. They now reside on the original homestead of his great-great-grandfather, Oliver Carson.

CASPOWE, Dennis

I was born in Edmonton, and was raised in the Beverly area. On May 2, 1981, I married B. Colleen Jeffery, of Sunnyside. We moved onto the quarter-section of land directly west of the old Jeffery homestead, in October 1981. We have two girls, Jessica Lynne, born on my birthday, October 1983, and Kelly Suzanne, born July 1985. I have always been involved in sales, and I am currently employed with Stedelbauer Chev. Olds. Colleen was a loans officer, with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce for 10 years, prior to the birth of our eldest daughter. Colleen is the daughter of

Bob (Robert) Jeffery and Evelyn (Pearse) Jeffery-Griffiths, and granddaughter of Harold Jeffery of Sunnyside, the great-granddaughter of William Pearse of Namao, and the great-great-granddaughter of Orran Arnold of Namao.



Jessica Lynne Caspove.
Age 6 yrs, 1989.



Kelly Suzanne Caspove.
Age 4 yrs, 1989.

CHARCHUK, Jean Ann Family

I, Jean Ann Charchuk was born to Kenneth Edward Samis and Dorothy Louise Samis (nee Coulson) on June 19, 1944. I married Anthony George Rankel on May 14, 1965. On August 14, 1967, Anthony Lee Rankel was born. Allen Jay Rankel was born on February 27, 1970. In June, 1972, I divorced A. G. Rankel and moved to Hines Creek, Alberta with Lee, four and a half, and Allen Jay, two. I married Ihor Charchuk on July 6, 1973. Robin Louise Charchuk was born June 8, 1976.

We lived in the town of Hines Creek on an acreage behind the high school until 1983. We moved to a farm seven and a half miles west and north of Hines Creek for five years. Lee went to the University of Alberta and met his wife, Angela (nee Bradley). They live in Edmonton. Ihor, Robin and I moved to Fairview. Allen is still attending the University of Alberta, taking the second year of a Bachelor of Science degree. Lee is taking a drafting course at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology. Robin is attending Fairview Junior High and is in Grade 8. Ihor is farming; I am a school trustee for Fairview School District 50 and also sell water purifiers.

All of my family is very active in sports: Robin in swimming, Lee in weight lifting, baseball and football, and A.J. in long distance running, Kung Fu, curling and golf.

CHINNI, Filippo and Dorothy

We located in Namao in 1974, moving from Edmonton's north end to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life.

Filippo was born and raised in Italy. He immigrated to Canada in 1955. He worked on a road construction paving crew in and around the city. Dorothy was born and raised at Fort Pitt, Saskatchewan. She moved to Edmonton in 1956, attended business college in Edmonton and worked in the insurance industry for many years. Our son, Peter, attended a special school in the city, which necessitated us driving him to and from school every day. He most recently worked at a training centre in St. Albert. Our daughter, Carla, attended both Namao and Sturgeon Composite Schools and graduated from Sturgeon Composite High School. She is married to Camile DeRudder, who also graduated from Sturgeon Composite. They have two boys, Justin, age two and a half, and Dylan, fourteen months.

In January 1990, we opened a family business in St. Albert known as Laundry Trend. It is a coin laundry, drycleaning depot. We do alterations and repairs, and we all have a hand in running the business.

CLAPP, Harold — 1928

as told by Harold (correction from Cameo of the West)

My parents came to Alberta from Brandon, Manitoba in 1894. They settled on a rented farm in Clover Bar, where they stayed for six years, then they took a homestead in the Ardrossan District in 1900. My father, George Albert Clapp, died in 1909, and my mother Phila Anne (McTaggart) Clapp moved to Edmonton in 1910 with her fa-



Original W. Craig house, occupied by the Clapp family till 1973.

mily of four. My brother Clifford and my sister Irene, Mrs. Vance, resided in Edmonton. My other sister, Retus, married Rev. J. M. Fawcett; they lived at Bon Accord from 1925 to 1931.

My mother and I lived in the Turnip Lake District for a short while and I went to the old Turnip Lake School.

I came to Namao the first time in 1928 and worked for Mr. W. F. Craig; then I joined the CNR Police and put in several years on the force.

In 1940 I married Doris Craig, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Craig of Namao, old timers of the Namao District.

We have four daughters: Janet, now Mrs. Keith Reed, Gwen, Norma and Lois. Gwen is a nurse's aid and Norma is at University of Alberta taking Pharmacy. Lois is at home and going to high school in Edmonton.

CLAPP, Harold and Doris 1968-1990

As time passes family patterns change and the original "home farm" becomes the nucleus for the ever-widening family circle.



Clapp Home, Winter, 1973-74.

As residents on my father's (W. F. Craig) original homestead, we are fortunate to have three of our four daughters and their families also living on the same quarter. The second youngest daughter and her family live in Calgary.

Our nephew, Llew Stewart, and his family also reside in the district, on land originally owned by my father and now farmed by another nephew, Hugh Craig, and his son, Douglas.

Hugh and Douglas have also cultivated the land we now live on since Harold retired from farming in 1960. Following that retirement, Harold worked intermittently for Mannix Construction at Lancaster Park air base and also in security work in Edmonton.



Harold and Doris Clapp, 1983



Craig Family Reunion – Held July 18th, 1982 at Roger and Carol Sims's home in St. Albert, Alberta. First Row, L-R: (from top) Reg Nelsen, Margaret Nelsen, Bob Kindelman, W. Douglas Craig, Harold Clapp, Doris Clapp, Jack Baptiste, Edna Craig, Carol Sims, Nancy Craig, Roger Sims, Keltie Craig, Doug Craig, Gwen Koch, John Koch, Phyllis Craig, Norma May, Bob May, Lois Wood, Julie Stewart, Gary Wood, Llew Stewart, Lee Sims. Second Row: Hugh Craig, Betty Lou Kindelman, Donna Craig, Keith Reed, Janet Reed, Marjorie Clark, Daisy Craig, Herb Craig, Bessie Craig, Craig Sims. Third Row: Larry Stewart, Brent Nelsen, Lyle Reed, Craig Kindelman, Brian Reed, Todd Nelsen, Barry Kindelman, Susan Craig, Barbara Sims, Elizabeth Baptiste. Fourth Row: Lynette Wood, Mathew Craig, Colleen Stewart, Michelle Koch, Ian Koch, Lincoln Baptiste. Missing: Ken Craig, Joannie Craig, Scott Craig (son of Ken), Keith Craig, Scott Craig (son of Hugh), Stephen King, Mary Bea King, Brenda Stewart, Leanne Stewart. Total in attendance 50 out of 59.

The histories of the younger members of our family will follow to complete the family history to this date.

CLARK, Mr. and Mrs. Enoch and Family — 1904

submitted by Claire M. Robertson

Bessie was my mother and she was the daughter of Enoch Clark.

Bessie, for many years before and after retirement from the CNR, lived in her Garneau home in Edmonton. Bessie died in July, 1971 and is buried in Namao Cemetery. Her older daughter, Claire, lives in Edmonton now, and her younger daughter, Shirley, lives in Mission, B.C.

CLARK, Gordon and Mabel

by Rita Crozier

Gordon and Mabel were married in 1920. They were both descendants of pioneer families. Mabel was the daughter of George and Annie Long. Gordon was the son of Enoch and Mary Clark.

They farmed in the Rose Ridge District and boarded teachers for years. They were very active in church and community affairs in the Namao district. Aunty Mabel, as she was known, taught Sunday School for many years.

They moved to Clover Bar in 1943, where they farmed and semi-retired. Gordon died suddenly while curling in 1961, at the age of 65. Mabel then moved into Edmonton where she was an ardent member of the Gateway Camera Club and an active member of the United Church Women and Women of Unifarm.

Mabel had a great love for the outdoors and dearly loved a ride into the countryside to sometimes stop and picnic along the way. She was very fond of fishing and did enjoy a few days at the lake. She was also a world traveller.

Mabel enlightened many children by visiting the elementary schools, telling stories and showing pictures and artifacts from the olden days. The modern children found these incredible.

Mabel and Gordon had two sons, Herb and Allan. Herb retired an engineer. He and his wife, Nancy, live in Texas, U.S.A. Allan, a teacher, and his wife, D'Anna, live in Victoria, B.C.

There are five grandchildren: Carolee Scott, Cindy Clark, David Clark, Sandy Clark and Don Clark.

Mabel Clark and the Long family descendants



Mabel Clark and Rev. Sambell. Dedication of the bell for the Long 100th Anniversary.

presented a brass bell to the Namao United Church, to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the arrival of the Longs to the Namao district. It was dedicated to the pioneers of the district and inscribed with their names. It was installed in an arch in front of the United Church on September 13, 1981.

Mabel passed away on January 26, 1989 at the age of 91 years.

CLARK Family

Correction: Mary Clark's maiden name was Claeys not Cline.

Harold Clark Senior, who wrote the last Clark history, passed away on September 11, 1978. He is buried in the Namao Cemetery. His wife, Marjorie, moved back to her original home.

Bringing the Clark Family up to date

Harold and Mary still live on the original farm that Harold came to in 1919, where he has farmed since, first with his dad, William, and now with his oldest son, Melvin. Melvin, Shirley and Brian were all involved with the 4-H Dairy Club so Melvin decided he would like to become a dairy farmer. In 1962 Harold built a new barn (the old one burned down in 1952). We started with a dairy herd of 30 to 40 cows.



Melvin Clark: Winner Prov. School Bus Rodeo, 1989.

After Melvin graduated from Namao High School he went on to Vermilion School of Agriculture, now Lakeland College, for two years, 1965 to 1967. After graduating, he came back to the farm and dairy farmed.

On May 16, 1970 he married Norma, eldest daughter of Ray and Dorothy Rigney of Bon Accord, Alberta. In 1975, he started operating a school bus to Namao School and later to Sturgeon Composite on its opening, with the addition of a second bus in 1989. Finding it difficult to do both, dairying and driving bus, they sold the dairy herd and changed to beef cattle and grain farming.

Melvin and Norma have three children. Sheila is taking Grade 11 at Sturgeon Composite at Namao. Neil is in Junior High at Namao taking Grade 8, and Craig is in Grade 4 at Namao Elementary. Norma is teaching Home Ec. at Paul Kane High School at St. Albert. Both Melvin and Norma (who was also in 4-H) are leaders in the Multiproject 4-H Club now.

Melvin has participated in tractor rodeos and won first in 1980 and 1981. He still competes every year in the Provincial School Bus Rodeo at Red Deer, and has won first in 1987 and 1989.

This is now the fourth generation of Clarks on this farm.

Melvin and Norma and family are still living in the original house that Harold grew up in. Harold and Mary built a new home on the same farm in 1973 and are semi-retired. They have done some travelling to Alaska, California, Europe, Australia, New Zealand and Eastern Canada.



L-R: Member of the R.C.M.P., Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, Mary Clark, Harold Clark, Douglas Maschmeyer (Chairman of Northlands), Melvin Clark, Norma Clark, Sheila Clark, Craig and Neil Clark in front, 1984.

In 1984, Harold and Mary, Melvin, Norma and family were awarded the Master Farm Family Award for the Sturgeon Municipality. They were special guests at Klondike Days in Edmonton, along with one family from every county and municipality in northern Alberta. They were honored with a special banquet, tour of the Coliseum, a day at the Klondike Days, and presented with a gate sign.

Harold and Mary joined the Lancaster Park (Canadian Forces Base Edmonton) Curling Club when it opened some 35 years ago, and have curled there ever since. In 1977 they were given an honorary membership. They are still curling there with Brian and Cathy.

Shirley graduated from Namao High school in 1966 and went on to the University of Alberta. She graduated with a Home Economics Degree in 1969. In 1968 she won the Alberta Dairy Princess competition for Alberta. In 1969 she went to Toronto to compete and won the Canadian Dairy Princess Competition. On October 18, 1969 she married Marvin, son of Mildred and the late Ormand Trimble of Vegreville, Alberta. They have two daughters, Lori-Anne and Donna. Lori-Anne is going to school at E.R. Haythorne. She is taking Grade 9. Donna is in Junior High at Ardrossan in Grade 8. They live in the Brookville, Alberta area east of Edmonton. They built their second new home there.

Marvin worked for the County of Strathcona as a math teacher from 1970 to 1988. He took an additional Professional Diploma in Education in 1971. In November 1988 he changed his location to become a teacher at NAIT in Edmonton where he still works.

Shirley has taught elementary school in Sher-



Shirley Clark — 1969 Canadian Dairy Princess.

wood Park from 1971 to 1979. She then taught at Fort Saskatchewan for nine years. Presently she is teaching Home Ec. and Music at Fultonvale School in the County of Strathcona. She is the leader of the Ardrossan Creative Hands 4-H Club. She is also very active in festivals and concerts.

Brian attended high school at Vic Composite (Namao's High School had been closed and the Namao pupils were bused into Victoria Composite in Edmonton) for two years and then they were transferred to M.E. LaZerte when it was opened, where he graduated.

He went on to NAIT into Mechanics. When he graduated he worked at Loveseths. He is now part owner of Bantam Enterprises in Edmonton. In 1981 he built a house on the Clark farm and has lived there since 1982.

Cathy is the daughter of Bert and Katherine Gibbs of Ladysmith, B.C. Cathy has two boys from a previous marriage, Conor and Michael O'Donnell. They go to the Namao Elementary School. Conor is in Grade 4 and Michael in Grade 3. Cathy is a Certified Dental Assistant and office manager, and works at West Grove Dental Associates.

Mildred Clark Latam, Harold's oldest sister, lived in the Bremner Ardrossan area for 50 years. They were to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on New Year's Eve, but Myron died on Christ-

mas Day 1984. They had sold part of their land and built a new house in 1974, next to their daughters, Audrey and Marguerite.

Mildred lives in the Clover Bar Pioneer Court Seniors Home in Sherwood Park.

Audrey married Douglas Hight of Ardrossan. They have one son, Gerald, and one daughter, Nancy. Gerald married Darlene Cockburn and they have two boys, Kelly and Blaine. Nancy married Gary Kiziak.

Marguerite married Tony Broda. They have four children: Patricia; Allan, who is married to Wanda Weir and they have a wee girl Adeline; Glen and Donna. Marguerite is now married to Don Styner. They live in the Ardrossan area.

Jessie Clark Simle lived in Trail, B.C. until Orbin retired. Then they moved to White Rock, B.C. They have two children, Wayne and Maureen. Wayne married Vicki Nichols. They have two children, Justin and Jennifer. They live in Vancouver. Maureen has one son, Kelly Cochran. She is now married to Paul Willie and lives in Vancouver.

Roy and Flora have two sons, Gary and Bernie. Gary and Diane and her children, Susan and Scott, live in Vancouver. Bernie married Denise and they also live in Vancouver.

Roy was involved in many businesses. He worked for Marshall Wells in Edmonton as a travelling salesman. He decided to go into business for himself. He bought a hardware store at Edgerton, Alberta. A few years later he moved to Ponoka and went into hardware and furniture. He then moved to High River where he had the St. Georges Hotel. He didn't like the hotel business so came back to Ponoka again in the hardware business. A few years later they moved to Quali-

cum Beach in Vancouver Island, again into hardware. His last venture was in the food business. He went into Mr. Mikes Steak House chain. He did very well and after one year he won the award of Excellence, having the best Mr. Mikes Steak House in Nanaimo, B.C. He died very suddenly on Boxing Day 1984. It was a strange coincidence that Roy and Myron died one day apart and neither knew the other had died. Flora still lives at their home in Nanaimo.

COBURN Family

submitted by Ella Coburn

Russell Hugh Coburn was born in Edmonton, Alberta, in May 1922, the second child of Harvey and Mary Coburn. His sister, Hilda, born in 1921, died one month before her seventh birthday. Russell enjoyed a happy youth, sharing his life with people who became lifelong friends.

Russell attended Sunnyside School and then completed his education at the Edmonton Technical High School. In December 1941, he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force, serving as a corporal in the air frame mechanics field. After initial training in Canada, he arrived in England in 1943. He was soon transferred to South Africa, then to the Italian theatre of war for an extended period.

After being discharged, he returned home in 1945. He took an agricultural course at Red Deer before renting a neighboring farm until 1950. He also enjoyed working at carpentry and mechan-



The Clark Family 40th Wedding Anniversary. Back Row, L-R: Marvin, Shirley, Brian, Cathy, Mary (sitting), Harold (sitting), Norma, Melvin. Front Row, L-R: (sitting) Lori Anne, Donna, Michael, Conor, Neil, Sheila and Craig.



Coburn Family, 1981. Neil, Russell, Ella and Ken. Silver Anniversary, Russ and Ella.

ics, using his innovative skills to successfully complete almost any project that presented itself.

Russell took over the home farm when his father became ill in 1953, and took pride in being a good steward of the land. In July 1956, he married an Edmonton school teacher, Ella Christine Bredeesen, who was born and raised in the Rosyth farming community near Hardisty, Alberta.

Russell continued farming until 1968. He then chose to rent out the land, and proceeded to work for the Sturgeon School Division for a few years. He was next employed by the Municipal District of Sturgeon until 1984, when failing health forced his early retirement.

Russell served humbly and faithfully for many years in community and church organizations from 1957 to 1987. He was stricken with cancer in 1982. After a courageous five year struggle, he died in June 1987.

Russell and Ella were blessed with two sons. Kenneth Hugh Coburn, born in July 1957, attended Namao School, M.E. LaZerte Composite High School in Edmonton, and the University of Alberta, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering in 1979. He maintains his position with an oil company in Calgary. He makes his home there with his wife, the former Miss Sally Ann Jacobsen, a Calgary school teacher whom he married in October 1989.



Coburn Family, 1989. Neil, Sally, Ken, Ella. Sally and Ken's Wedding.

Neil Russell Coburn, born in April 1959, also attended Namao School and M. E. LaZerte Composite High School, before going to the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology to study electrical engineering technology until 1979. As a contractor, he shares ownership of an electrical company with one partner, and continues to live on the farm.

Russell's mother died in April 1967, and his father in September 1972. Uncle Alex Coburn, who recorded the account in the *Cameo of the West*, died in June 1969.

The land obtained by the Coburn forefathers at the turn of the century is now owned by Ken and Neil, proudly still "the Coburn farm", after a span of ninety productive years.

CRAIG, 1883-1989

As the Sturgeon District grows older, so do its pioneer families, distributing their members into all walks of life and places. The Craig Family is no exception to this, for in the years since 1883, there have evolved six generations. Following is a concise, updated history from the first volume of *Cameo of the West*.

In 1883, David Craig and sixteen year old son, Will, came from Meaford in Grey County, Ontario. They and all their belongings came by train to Swift Current, the end of the rail, then by ox-cart and schooners, to the Sturgeon District. The rest of the family arrived later.

Will Craig — 1867-1935

Margaret Wilson — 1880-1958

Will and Margaret were married in 1896 and settled on a homestead, N.E. 9-55-24 W4. Margaret and Will raised a family of six children.

Cecil — 1897-1971

Cecil Arthur, the eldest of the family, married Daisy Young in 1927. She was a nurse from Edmonton, who was born in Manitoba in 1905. They lived and farmed at S½ 16-55-24 W4. Cecil semi-retired in 1965, retaining home and an acreage. After Cecil's death, Daisy lived on the acreage until 1987 and now lives in an apartment in a Senior Citizen Complex in Edmonton.

Cecil and Daisy had two daughters. Betty-Lou, who graduated from Namao High School, and from the U. of A. School of Nursing in 1957, married Robert Kindelman of Edmonton in 1958. They resided on an acreage on the southeast corner of the home farm. Betty and Bob had two sons. Craig Robert was born in 1964. He graduated from Sturgeon Composite High School in 1982, and in

1988 from the U. of A. with a degree in Computer Sciences. He is employed by Arthur Anderson Computing Company in Calgary. Barry Arthur was born in 1965, graduating from Sturgeon Composite High School in 1983, and studied Cabinet Making at N.A.I.T. He is presently working in Edmonton in this field. Betty and Bob were divorced in 1986.

Margaret Cecile was born in 1940, graduated from Namao High School in 1958 and from the U. of A. in 1959 with an Elementary Teachers Certificate. She married Reg Nelsen in 1962 and they reside on their farm west of St. Albert. Reg continues in farming, and engineering with U.M.A. in Edmonton. Margaret and Reg have two sons. Todd Alan, born in 1964; graduated from Sturgeon Composite High School in 1982 and from the U. of A. with a degree in Political Science in 1987. He received his Master's Degree in 1989 from York University in Toronto. Todd is presently employed by Deloitte, Haskins and Sells in Edmonton. Brent Douglas was born in June, 1968. He graduated in 1986 from Sturgeon Composite High School and is in his fourth year at the University of Victoria in a B.A. Degree Course in Music.

CRAIG, Clifford Wilson 1917-1980

Clifford Wilson Craig, youngest son of Margaret and William F. Craig, took his commercial flying training in Winnipeg and was a Captain for Air Observer Schools in Portage la Prairie and Edmonton before becoming a Pilot Officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force. After the war he worked for Campbell's Furniture in Edmonton and became manager of the store in Calgary where he remained until his death in 1980.

Clifford and Edna Ferguson, a graduate of Alberta College, were married in 1942. They have two sons.

Kenneth Clifford was born in 1945. He obtained his Bachelor of Physical Education and Bachelor of Education degrees at the University of Calgary and is a Work Experience Co-ordinator with the Calgary Public School Board. Kenneth and Jean Templeman, a registered nurse from St. John's, Newfoundland, were married in 1971. They have two sons.

Scott Wilson, born in 1973, is attending Western Canadian High School and Keith Templeman, born in 1976, attends Vincent Massey Junior High School.

Clifford and Edna's second son, Douglas Dugald, was born in 1949. He obtained his

Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Alberta and his Masters in Architecture at the University of Manitoba. His company, Boucock, Craig and Associates is in Calgary. Douglas was the partner in charge of designing the Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology at Drumheller.

Douglas and Nancy Bell, a home economist from Edmonton, were married in 1970 and have two children. Matthew Gordon, born in 1977, attends Queen Elizabeth Junior High School. Keltie Jean was born in 1981 and attends the University Elementary School.

CRAIG, Herbert E. and Family

prepared by Bessie Craig, March 10, 1990

Herb Craig farmed until 1973, when he suffered a slight stroke and was unable to continue farming. The quarter section and home were sold to Walter Kelly. Herb and Bessie moved to a high-rise apartment on the bank of the Saskatchewan River. Herb had a number of years of reasonable health, during which he travelled to California and England, enjoyed quiet (and not so quiet) times with his grandchildren, and urged on his favourite teams on TV. His health gradually deteriorated until his death in July 1983.

This is 1990 and Bessie still lives in the same apartment with her wonderful view of downtown Edmonton. She spends summers at her lake cottage at Seba, travels "to the sun" each winter, and year-round enjoys her friends and family. As well as her other interests, Bessie enjoys the Namao Plus 60 Club of which she is a charter member.

Jean Craig Baptiste taught at Ross Sheppard and Paul Kane High Schools until 1967, when she went to Grenada, West Indies, on a CUSO assignment. In 1971, Jean married Jack Baptiste in a quiet ceremony at the farm. Jean and Jack have since resided and owned bookstores and other businesses in Grenada, visiting family and friends in Edmonton every two years. They have two children, both born in Edmonton, and hence the children have dual citizenship. They are Lincoln, born in 1973, and Elizabeth, two years younger, who both attend Secondary Schools in St. George's.

Phyllis Craig, after obtaining her Master's Degree in Health Services Administration in 1975, did research for the Edmonton Board of Health for five years. Since, she has been with Alberta Health, initially as Director of Community Health Nursing, and presently as Provincial AIDS Program Planner.

Carol Craig Sims and her husband, Roger, sold

their ranch at Veteran and moved to St. Albert in 1981. Roger is in the construction business, and Carol is Director of Home Care for the Sturgeon Health Unit (which includes the Namao area). Their three children, Craig, Barbara and Lee, are all graduates of Paul Kane High School, and are continuing their education. Craig is at NAIT studying Building Construction Technology, and Barbara and Leland are at the U. of A. studying Physical Education and Science, respectively.

CRAIG, W. D. Family History — 1927-1990

as told by Susan C. Craig

Walter Douglas Craig, son of William and Margaret Craig, was married in 1928 to Marjorie McLay of Namao. The young couple settled on the Tom Wilson homestead, S.W. 15-55-26 W4, which Walter had purchased the previous year. One son, Hugh Allan, was born to Walter and Marjorie in 1929. Walter died in 1934 at the age of 33 years, leaving Marjorie and young Hugh to tend the farm. Marjorie leased the farm to relatives until Hugh, at the age of 13, put in his first crop and began his life-long devotion to farming.

Hugh attended Namao School until he was 16. A few years later, he went to the Vermilion School of Agriculture from which he graduated in 1949. In order to supplement his farm income, Hugh worked in the surrounding mines over the winters.

Marjorie moved from the Craig farm in 1955 when she married Harold Clark. She returned to

her old home at the time of Harold's death in 1978. To this day, Marjorie maintains her own household and continues to contribute to the operation of the farm.

Hugh continued to live on the farm after his mother, Marjorie, moved. In 1956, he married Donna Mary Skelton, a Registered Nurse from the University of Alberta. Hugh and Donna lived in Edmonton for a short spell but settled back on the farm permanently in 1958. They brought Walter Douglas, their new son, with them. At that time, Hugh stopped working in the mine and began trucking in the winters. Together, Hugh and Donna have raised two sons and two daughters: W. Douglas (1957); Mary Bea (1960); Susan Carol (1963), and Scott Allan (1965).

To this day, Hugh continues to farm with his son, W. Douglas, on the same quarter section that his father settled on. Hugh and W. Douglas have expanded the operation over the years and rent much of the land that was originally homesteaded by their forefathers. Over the years, Hugh has pursued his commitment to the future of farming by becoming involved in many farm organizations.

Mary Bea was a member of the first graduating class of Sturgeon Composite High School in 1979. In 1981, she married fellow graduate, Stephen Wayne King, of Bon Accord. Stephen went on to graduate from Civil Engineering Technology at NAIT and presently works as a project superintendent with Mustang Engineering. Stephen and Mary Bea reside in Edmonton with their two children, Benjamin Matthew (1986) and Jessica Susan (1989). The Kings are frequent visitors to the Craig farm and are often found lending a helping hand.

Susan also graduated from Sturgeon Composite High School. After a short career as a hair-stylist, she went on to the University of Alberta in the Bachelor of Arts Program. Since her graduation in 1989, Susan has been working for the provincial government. Susan also lives in Edmonton but helps out on the farm when possible.

Scott is the only child of Hugh and Donna to have moved away from the Edmonton area. His career as a Kung Fu Instructor and Business Manager forces him to live out of province, but even he can be found behind the wheel of a tractor on his short visits home.

From the early age of thirteen, Hugh has worked the farm that his father had first dreamed of and started. Although Walter did not live to see his farm grow, his wife, his son and his son's family have lived and prospered there.



The original W. Craig farm, October 29, 1907, later purchased by the F. McLay family in 1909.

CRESSWELL, Fred Family

as written by his wife Geneveve

Fred is one of eight children born to George and Elizabeth Cresswell. I am the youngest of five children born to Richard and Selma Cronin. We lived at Falun, Alberta, west of Wetaskiwin, and that is where I spent my youth.

While employed in Edmonton, I met and married Fred in 1950. We moved to the family farm and were busy with mixed farming, feeding hogs and cattle, and eventually having a feed lot of sheep and lambs. While there, we were blessed with three children: Clifford, Eileen and Leonard. All attended Horse Hill School until 1971 when the City of Edmonton extended its boundaries; they then attended schools in the City of Edmonton. We were then officially city farmers and remained on the farm until 1980, moving to our present location overlooking Rundle Park in Edmonton.

All the children are employed in Edmonton: Leonard with Sky Harbor Avionics, Eileen with the Alberta Motor Association, and Clifford with Western Freightways. Clifford is married to Beverly, and we are blessed with two grandsons: Ryan, born in 1982, and Chadwick, in 1989. The children all live within walking and borrowing distance, so we are fortunate to be able to visit with them often.

CRESSWELL, Harry and Family

Harry Cresswell farmed the land on 97 Street, the homestead he had purchased from his grandfather, Scotty Allen. He built the family house there in 1939 and then he and Marion raised three children: Ronald, Ken and Marjorie.

The Cresswell farm is now a subdivision of Castledowns and Harry moved to his home in Edmonton in 1978. Because of ill health, Marion resided in the Dickinsfield Extended Care Centre. Marion, who had taught school at Bellerose, Alberta College and Griesbach, remained interested in life and began painting as a hobby. She won the Donna Graham Memorial Art Award in 1989. Harry has been active and loves to travel, touring New Zealand and Australia when he was 87. In June 1990, Marion passed away.

Ronald and Valerie have three children; Douglas, Charyl and Wesley. They live in Castledowns. Developing and servicing land in Edmonton and Texas has been Ronald's occupation. Cherry Grove in North Edmonton was one of his projects. Elizabeth and George Cresswell, Ronald's grandparents, had this land surveyed and plotted for a



Marion and Harry Cresswell on their 50th Wedding Anniversary, August, 1989.

subdivision in 1912, expecting a land boom, but the First World War and economic collapse stifled that development. It took over seventy years to be developed from the time the first plans were drawn up. Ron has also retained his grandfather's interest in horses and has several race horses.

While working at AGT, Ken Cresswell met Cheryl Stenson of Forestburg. They married and built a home in Sturgeon View Estates. Ken and Cheryl operate the C and C Tree Farm on the north side of the Sturgeon River. They have two children, Robert and Lesley.

Marjorie Cresswell, like Harry, loves to travel, so after completing university, she backpacked throughout Australia and Asia with Kathy Latimer and Carol Crozier. Marjorie is a third generation teacher and teaches Math at Queen Elizabeth High School. She married Doug Weisbeck, also a Math teacher, and they reside in St. Albert with their two children, Geoffrey and Alison.

CROZIER, Chester and Family

Chester Parton Crozier and his twin brother, Marcus Rutherford Crozier, were born to John Rutherford Crozier and his wife, Isabel, on May 11, 1925. Marcus remained with the National Parks Department in Banff until his untimely death in 1978. His widow, Alice, now resides in Duncan, British Columbia. Chester chose a career as a dairy farmer. In the early years cows were milked on the original Crozier homestead; then in 1954, Chester and his father, John, brought half of the herd to W½ of 20-54-24 W4. This is where John and Isabel had built their home and raised their family. Now it would become a dairy farm with an identity of its own.

There was hard work and long hours in those



Back Row, L-R: Jason, Lenard. Front Row, L-R: Brett, Lindsay and Debbie

first years of the new dairy operation. It was not uncommon to see Chester and May milking side by side, or doing the cooking and washing for a couple of hired men. In 1957, in order to supplement the income of the farm, Chester took a job with the Edmonton Artificial Breeding Association as a technician. The artificial insemination of cows had been introduced to the Edmonton area in the early 1950s. Chester would do chores in the morning, then head off for a day on the job. In the evening, he and May, along with John, would make the management decisions required for the next day's work. Although Chester was the one who operated the dairy, brother John Calvin (Bud) has shared closely in the field cropping, such as seeding and harvest.

Chester and Viola May have three children: Lenard Roy, Pamela May and Irene Isabel. Lenard and his wife, Debbie Marianne, are now living in the house that was built by John and Isabel on the shore of Cutbank Lake. They have three children: Jason Lee, attending Sturgeon Composite High School; and Brett Parton and Lindsay Louise, attending Namao School. Lenard and Debbie are busy with the dairy routine of operating a large farming corporation. Lenard plays an active role in many dairy producer organizations, being involved in the promotion of dairy products at both the Provincial and Federal level.

Pamela married David Margolus, who is now a lawyer in the law firm, Witten Binder, in Ed-



Standing: Pam and David Margolus. Sitting: Reina and Cali Margolus.

monton. Pam has a decorating company "Visuals by Pam", which specializes in Christmas decorating. David and Pam have two girls, Reina Sidoni and Cali Wyn, both attending school. They make their home in west Edmonton.

Irene married Darryl McBurney, who is now a conductor with Canadian National Railways. They have two girls, Brianna Rae and Teagen Quinn, attending school at Namao. Irene works for the Provincial Government.

In 1967 Lenard began to work on the farm after completing high school. About this time, Chester purchased his father's share of the cows and machinery and began to operate using the name Cutbank Farms. Soon the plans for an ultra modern dairy barn with feeding equipment had been made, and in 1973 construction began. Chester left Edmonton Artificial Breeding after 17 years in favor of a full-time commitment to the new dairy operation.

A family farming corporation involving Chester and May, and Lenard and Debbie, was formed in 1977 and has continued to grow and prosper. Cheslen Dairies Limited farms 1400 acres, milks 170 cows, markets 4000 litres of milk daily and employs four full time, as well as many part-time, workers.

Chester and May now reside just a couple of



Irene, Teagen and Brianna. Standing behind is Darryl.



Chester and May on Chester's 65th Birthday, May 11, 1990.

hundred yards north of the main farmstead, where they enjoy grandparenting and semiretirement.

CROZIER, Clayton Lee

written by his brother Hugh

My early memories of Clayton are of a loving and lovable little boy. It was his smiling, round face that caused a hired man to call him "Pumpkin," which soon became "Punkin" and then "Punk", as he was called for years by all his friends, most of whom didn't know he had another name. Punk quit school after his first day. It took Mother and the rest of us two weeks to convince him that there was more to life than going into the Woodland Dairy for ice cream treats, or working with the hired men or Dad or Uncle John, or playing with the rest of us kids when we got home from school. Ah well, such is life.

Clayton, the fourth child of Violet and Ken Crozier, was born in Edmonton on March 2, 1929. He did go to school at Namao and after high school remained on the farm. After our father died in 1955, Clayton and I operated the farm, enlarging the dairy herd, building a new loafing barn and milk parlor in 1960.

On January 30, 1950, Clayton was married to Marguerite Jean Akins, the youngest daughter of Lorne and Marguerite Akins of St. Albert, and they settled with Ken and Violet in the big brick house. Their children are: Carol Jean, born December 21, 1950; Kenneth Gordon; born August 4, 1952; and Colleen Violet, born December 12, 1953.

Their three children, and Barbara's and my children, Lee and Leslie, worked and played together on the farm, attending school at Namao. Carol went to Victoria Composite High School, continued to university, where she obtained a degree in Medical Laboratory Science, has since taught at the University hematology lab, and is employed now as a salesperson for a medical equipment company. Carol was married to Norman Robblee in 1975. They have two children, Scott Kenneth, born November 17, 1979 and Jennifer Jean, born May 13, 1982, living in Edmonton.

After finishing school at Namao and Victoria Composite, Ken joined the farm force at home. It was a terrible heartbreak when Ken was killed in a hunting accident on October 13, 1975. For Jean and Clayton, their hopes for Ken to eventually take over their share of the farm, were gone. Ken will always be remembered for the fine young man he was, for the happy times when he played as a child with his sisters and cousins, playing hockey on the lake, and in organized hockey, where he played defence in the minor leagues and then for the

Seniors at Namao. As a young adult, he was an avid physical fitness participant, running, boxing, working out. Always he had a keen interest in all facets of the farm.

Colleen also went to Victoria Composite in Edmonton. After qualifying as a nursing aid, she was married to Alex Thomson in 1975. As an adult, single again, Colleen graduated from the University of Alberta with a degree in Education, has since been teaching classes in special education, now in Calgary, where she lives.

Clayton and Jean, and Barbara and I, operated the farm together in the busy time when we were raising our children and enlarging the farm. Those were days of long working hours, always the twice a day milking, long days on the tractors in the fields. Our wives helped out in the milking parlor, driving the tractor, baling hay, hauling and stacking hay, driving the grain truck.

Clayton and Jean were active in the life of the community, in the church, community league, and in sports. They were instrumental in forming our community league, planning and equipping the Hub, and beginning the catering there. Clayton coached the senior hockey team for years.

As the boys grew up and helped more on the farm, Clayton entered municipal politics, taking the place of Reg Crozier, who died in 1973. After his divorce, Clayton concentrated on his municipal work. That he cared deeply for the welfare of his rural area was evidenced by the time and energy he devoted to his public life.

He was elected councillor for the M.D. of Sturgeon for a period of fourteen years, nine of those as the Reeve, until he retired in 1989.

On March 26, 1982, Clayton was married to Margaret McIlraith of Edmonton, daughter of Gil and Cath McIlraith of Victoria, B.C. Margaret was, for many years, the secretary of heart surgeon, Dr. Larry Stearns.

Retired now from farming, politics, and the medical world, Clayton and Margaret are able to spend the winters in their Sun Lakes home near Phoenix, Arizona, summers in the old family home at the farm, both enjoying their favorite pastimes, gardening and golf.

CROZIER, Cliff and Rita

written by Rita Crozier

Cliff and Rita (nee Flynn) attended Namao High School together. Rita attended Edmonton Normal School and graduated as a teacher.

We were married in 1946 and settled on the



Back, L-R: Judy, Cliff, Bob, Tom. Front: Marilyn, Rita, Shauna.

original Long homestead at Namao, Cliff's grandparents being George and Annie Long.

We had five children. Cliff was very active in sports and played baseball and hockey all over the country. Cliff helped make the outdoor skating rink at Namao School. I was active in the Home and School Association and did some substitute teaching at Namao. We both worked on the Namao Hall Board.

We were all involved in the local 4-H Clubs. The family were members of either beef, dairy, garden, clothing or food clubs.

They were all active in sports, especially basketball and curling. Tom and Bob played baseball and hockey. Many Saturdays were spent transporting players to tournaments, sometimes in three directions. Bob is still playing hockey. Hockey has been in the family for a long time. Cliff's mother, Phoebe Long, played hockey with an Alberta College ladies team in 1905-06, in long skirts and using a wooden puck.

We have always had a mixed farming operation and milked cows, especially so when the family belonged to the dairy club.

Now we have a few chickens, and Cliff has a herd of Shorthorn beef cattle, which are the pride of his life. We have always had blue heeler dogs, which are excellent cattle dogs. We have always participated in, and enjoyed, all community activities.

We now have time to spend a few weekends in our cottage at the lake.

A mini tornado passed through our yard in July of 1962 doing extensive damage. Due to a fire in 1968 we lost our barn, our best cow and calf, and several pigs.



Cattle at Ranch, Fall 1984 near Perryvale.

The storm that hit this area, the evening of the July tornado in 1987, did a lot of damage to the trees, cattle feeders, and the roof of our house.

Marilyn graduated from Namao High School and took a lab and x-ray technician course. She worked in Magrath, Alberta. A few years later she took a medical records course. She married Paul Norton and they have three boys: Carey, Robbie and Dale. They live on a mixed farm near Castor. Marilyn is now working full time at the Coronation Hospital in Medical Records.

Tom graduated from Namao High School. After working at several cattle farms, he purchased the water delivery business from Roger Potter. He owned and operated Namao Transport Ltd. He had a thriving business. He married Janet Thiesen in 1985. His untimely death occurred in February of 1987. Tom died of a cancerous brain tumor at the age of 38 years.



Back Row, L-R: Carey, Marilyn and Paul. Front Row, L-R: Rob and Dale Norton, December, 1990.

Judy completed her high school at Victoria Composite and then graduated from NAIT as a Dietary Technician. She worked in Prince George and Yellowknife where she was very active in basketball. She married Brian Gillis. They owned and operated a photo finishing store. Judy is presently living in Cold Lake where she works as a receptionist for the Imperial Motor Inn in Grand Centre.

Robert (Bob) attended M.E. LaZerte Composite High and later graduated from SAIT as an air conditioning and refrigeration technician. He lives in Castle Downs and is still active in sports. He is presently employed by Custom Mechanical Ltd.

Shauna graduated from Sturgeon Composite High School and then attended NAIT, graduating as a legal secretary in April of 1989. She is presently employed by the firm Bryan and Wilson. She lives at home and commutes each day to downtown Edmonton. Shauna was the Short-horn Lassie Queen for the 1985-86 year.

CROZIER, Dave

written by Eleanor Montpellier

David Crozier, eldest son of Pheobe and Lloyd Crozier, was born on February 10, 1917. He was named after his two grandfathers and his dad, David Lloyd George. He was raised on a farm southwest of the village of Namao. He attended the Bellerose School. After completing Grade 8, he remained on the farm to help his father. He hauled coal in the winter with his four-horse team. He was very proud of them and had fancy harness with Scotch collars. He also hauled gravel from the Saskatchewan River for foundations for some of the farm buildings.



David Crozier Jr. and horses, 1980.



David Crozier Jr. and dog, 1980.

In 1941 he enlisted in the Loyal Edmonton Regiment and was posted overseas. In August of 1942 he was wounded in Sicily. After recuperating, he again rejoined his Regiment. Later in the fall, he was seriously wounded which left him paralyzed from the waist down. He was sent home in April, 1945, to the Colonel Mewburn Pavilion.

After the farm home was renovated, he returned to live with his mother and father. After his dad's death in 1959, he remained with his mother. After her death in 1975 he stayed on at home. With the help of his brother, Edgar, he was able to purchase a car with hand controls and enjoyed travelling about the countryside. He stayed in fairly good health most of the time but in June, 1981, he entered the University Hospital. He passed away on February 20, 1982, just ten days after his sixty-fifth birthday. He had been in a wheelchair for 37 years. His constant companion was his dog, Pepper.

CROZIER, William Edgar

written by Karen Crozier

William (Ed, as everyone called him), was the son of Lloyd Crozier and Phoebe Luella Crozier.

Lloyd and Phoebe had five children: one daughter, Eleanor, and four sons, David, Edgar, Reg and Cliff.

Ed was born December 12, 1918. He and his brother, Dave, farmed together after Lloyd's death, on the home farm. The farm is located on the W ½ 19-54-24 W4, Sturgeon Road and 127 Street.

Ed married Marion Elizabeth (Betty) Reimer on October 24, 1950.

Betty was born on February 9, 1927 in Plum Coulee, Manitoba. She moved with her parents to Peace River, Alberta, where she grew up. Her parents, Neil and Susie Reimer, farmed seven and a half miles east of Peace River. Susie died in Peace River in July of 1942. Neil died in November of 1943. Both are buried in the Namao Cemetery.

Ed and Betty had three children: Jim, Karen, and Kim. They are all living on the home farm. The original house and buildings that Lloyd built are still being used today. Additional residences have been added. Jim works as a truck driver on road construction. He has two children, Kevin James and Cory-Ann. Karen drives a bus and is very active in sports. Kim works for the Sturgeon School Board.

Although we rent out most of the land, we still raise feed for our Shorthorn cattle. Dad had this breed of cattle for as long as we can remember. When it comes to seeding or harvesting, we all pitch in.

Ed's joy was farming and working with animals. He was active in sports and enjoyed either watching or participating in sports. In the evenings, he enjoyed playing cards. "Where's the crib board?" was often heard. Ed passed away August 2, 1983, and is buried in the family plot in Namao Cemetery.

Betty enjoyed all kinds of sports, especially curling. Also, horses, fishing and hunting kept her busy. When she wasn't doing that, she loved to cook. Betty passed away April 20, 1988. She is buried in Namao Cemetery beside her brother, James Reimer.

To keep us on our toes, we like to play jokes and gags on each other. It makes life interesting!

CROZIER, Hugh Kenneth

as written by his wife Barbara

Born October 1, 1926, the third child of Kenneth and Violet, Hugh has lived all of his life on the Crozier farm at Namao, growing up in the brick house that his grandparents built in 1911.

Childhood is a pleasant memory despite the family's struggle to keep the farm afloat during the depression years. The children learned early the responsibility of doing chores and milking cows on their dairy farm before and after school, but there was time for them to be just children as well. Cut Bank Lake, their lake, covering seventy acres and situated as it is at the foot of the farm-

stead, was the focus not only of their view but much of their activity as well. They are naturally drawn to the water and it was there that they learned to shoot, skate, swim and dive. All of "Ken's": Evelyn, Leona, Hugh, and Clayton, recount times spent with "John's": Bud, Marcus, Chester, and Shirley, who shared the lake — harum-skarum times of rafting, camping out, building bonfires, daring to smoke their kinik-kinik, cigarettes made from dried underbark of the red willow.

In those days, everyone's horse was his pride, much as bikes and skidoos are today, a rivalry existing between riders as they compared not only their mounts, but their bold maneuvers on horseback. Ken's, John's, Lloyd's, the Harrolds, all participated in this, but it was Evelyn and their friend, Janet Harrold alone who could ride standing up at full gallop, the unchallenged masters.

Evelyn and Leona could shoot the twenty-two and skate with the best. In later years when Evelyn's children, the Brimacombes, played hockey on their own backyard rink, neighborhood kids fought to have Mrs. Brimacombe on their team, so good was she at stick-handling.

There are memories galore of the hired men and hired girls who came and went through the years, just part of the family then, adding color to their lives. One such is of the children and Tony peering from the upstairs balcony during a rising spring snowstorm, hoping for a glimpse of Ken and Violet returning from town. Worrying as the weather worsened, Tony exclaimed, "And your mother out there in skim-milk underwear and go-to-hell socks!", a catch-phrase ever since.

After the years of public school at Namao, Hugh drove the car each day, picking up passengers along the way, to Victoria High School in Edmonton where he was keenly interested in track and field, and in chemistry, assisting Mr. McFarland, the chem teacher, in the lab. It seemed likely he would pursue a career in science but his love of the farm prevailed, and in 1946 he began full-time farming with his father and brother, Clayton, together with their Uncle John and son, Chester. It was a decision he never regretted. They continued to farm as one unit until 1954 when John's and Ken's divided the herd, and so began their separate operations, the one now known as Cheslen Dairies, the other Crozier Dairies.

A young man of inquisitive mind and considerable energy, Hugh spent the next few years trying all manner of new endeavors, not content to merely farm. He undertook beautifying the

yard, ordering new perennials, fruit trees, and growing an enormous strawberry patch just for the fun of it. Although it was not yet fashionable to enjoy cooking, he was experimenting in the kitchen, developing a skill that later proved useful when he showed his new wife how to make such culinary delights as baked Alaska and real angel food cake.

He attended young people's leadership courses; he was a sub-director in the FUA, and occasionally he tutored high school students in math and chemistry. The badminton club was dear to his heart too, not only for the physical workout but for the poker games between matches.

Hugh's dad loved literature and classical music, passing his appreciation on to his family. He would bend over the gramophone as it played his records, and then, as now, Saturday afternoons were set aside to hear the opera radio broadcasts, turned up full volume. Although Ken never realized his dream of attending a Metropolitan performance, Hugh absorbed the love for music, an interest that has lasted a lifetime.

His affinity for water led Hugh to take the Red Cross instructors and examiners courses, and with the help of two other new instructors, Betty Lou Craig and Barbara Potter, he set up a program of swimming and water safety at the Sturgeon River for local youngsters. Others became instructors too, young people such as Max Yeske, Gordon and Leslie Bell, Iva Bonham, Evelyn Potter and Arlene McDonell, and sometimes yet, someone remarks, "You taught me to swim when I was a kid."

The marriage of Hugh and Barbara on June 20, 1952 joined four of the pioneer families of Namao district. Hugh is the grandson of David and Martha Crozier and of Walter and Louise Shultz; Barbara is the granddaughter of Charles and Zoe Potter and of Samuel and Loretta Carson.

Born February 13, 1930, Barbara Joan is the daughter of Lee and Ada Potter of the Sunnyside district. The second of four children, she was raised with Reg, Roger, and Evelyn on the farm settled by their grandfather, Charlie Potter.

In the tradition of the Potters and the Carsons, there was always music in the home. Their mother arranged for them to have piano lessons from Verena Cameron, now Mrs. Dick Hansen, for the sum of twenty-five cents a lesson. No family occasion was complete without gathering around the piano to sing the old songs; Uncle Allen and Grandad Carson, Aunt Vera Lowe, Jim Pratt, all singing harmony. Early on, the Potter children learned part-singing from their mother who taught them

as she worked about the kitchen, running in to the piano to work out a chord, then back to the business at hand. Evelyn was just five when the trio with Roger and Barbara began singing in festivals and concerts, continuing until Roger's voice changed and he was, by then, too embarrassed anyway. One of the fond memories is of the whole family singing as they drove in the car.

Their parents played in a little community orchestra, the piano and the banjo, bundling the children along to the dances at Sunnyside hall. Needless to say, the music of that era is etched in their memories too. Ada played for church as well, for weddings and school festivals; Aunt Vera played for church at Namao and led the choir. Uncle Allen, too, played in an orchestra, spending many an hour patiently explaining to his young nieces, harmonies he had taught himself. It is not surprising that Evelyn should become a piano teacher, or that Barbara would play for dances in a high school orchestra, and later be an accompanist and lead the choir. It was written in the stars.

The Potter children travelled by horse and cutter/cart to the little New Lunnon School three miles away. Before centralized schools and bussing materialized, Barbara and Reg lived for three years in the school dormitory at Bon Accord while they attended the high school there. For six years, Barbara lived with the John Wilkinson family in Edmonton where she attended Alberta College, then worked as a secretary in the business world until her marriage to Hugh.

Settled on the Crozier farm, Hugh and Bar-

bara, Clayton and Jean continued to operate the dairy after the death of their father, Kenneth, in 1955, and their mother's move to Edmonton upon her marriage to Harry Auten in 1960. Living side by side, the two families strove to get ahead, sharing the challenges that presented themselves, for like everyone, their lives were punctuated with joys and sorrows.

Three sons were born to Barbara and Hugh; Lee David, on May 23, 1953, Leslie Hugh, on June 30, 1955, while the third baby, born November 23, 1957, died in infancy.

Those were years crowded with daily living and community involvement, with long days of physical work for the men, milking in stanchion barns, lifting heavy cans of milk, stacking bales by hand. For the women too, they were busy years, raising children, growing big gardens, canning and freezing the produce, cooking for hired men, helping on the farm. Both couples played active roles in the church and community, school and 4-H.

Raising two active, healthy boys, an interesting undertaking in itself, proved more so in the context of an extended farm family, for some things don't change over the years. There were horses to ride and rafts to make, as in times before. There were always plenty of people around. With cousins Carol, Kenny, and Colleen growing up in the same yard, the farm was the centre of much activity, the place for family gatherings and to spend summer vacations.

At the same time, children of the other families of the clan were growing up in the district too, and in the sixties there was at least one Crozier child in every grade from one to twelve in the school. Whether it was baseball or hockey, swimming, 4-H, horse show, choir, basketball — you could be sure that some of them were involved.

Organized sports leagues were there for the children by then, but, as in the past, the happiest memories are of times when a gang of friends would congregate for pick-up games of hockey on the lake.

It was clear from the outset that the boys, Lee, Leslie and Kenny, loved their life on the farm, rousting about with their dads in the outdoors. As they grew a bit and helped more, they fulfilled Granny Potter's prediction that "someday all that energy will be harnessed". In contrast to their dads' times, they were driving tractors, not horses. From stooking hay, they moved to stacking bales on a stoneboat and then advanced to the automatic balewagon. The threshing machine of earlier days was replaced by a closed-cab combine. And with



The Hugh Crozier Family, 1975. L-R: Leslie, Lee, Barbara and Hugh.

Hugh and Clayton's new loafing barn, now there was a milking parlor and bulk tank.

No one could have guessed then the changes the future would bring. Kenny died, Clayton retired from farming; Lee and Les joined their dad



Sherry and Lee Crozier.

in the farm operation in 1979 and began their own program of expansion. Hockey was their sport though, and before marrying and making their own homes back on the farm, both boys spent a few years playing the game away from home.

Lee played a season of junior hockey in Penticton, B.C., going on to Winston-Salem, N.C., where he met his future wife, Sharon Leigh Smith, daughter of Lonnie and Kat Smith. Sherry and Lee were married January 6, 1976 in Philadelphia, during Lee's two years there with the Firebirds.

Leslie played junior hockey with Lee at Penticton, a season with the Edmonton Oil Kings and Lethbridge Broncos, and two years with the Philadelphia Firebirds.

On April 11, 1980, Leslie was married to Barbara Lynn Edwards of Edmonton, who grew up at Horse Hill, daughter of Clarence and Anne Edwards. Les and Barbara are the parents now of three children: daughters Nicole Lynn, born February 3, 1982; Landon Ashley, born November 29, 1984; and son Paden Leslie Hugh Kenneth, born November 1, 1985, the fifth generation of the Crozier family on that farm, and the cycle begins again.

Still actively farming, Hugh has been relieved



Leslie and Barbara Crozier, April 11, 1980.

of many responsibilities by his two sons. Confronted with middle-age and more free time, he and Barbara love to travel and to add new interests — grandchildren, bridge, downhill skiing, scuba diving, sailing, and just relaxing at their lake cottage.

The face of agriculture is changing everywhere. The Crozier farm has seen the span of years from the horse and buggy to the space age, technology keeping pace with the times. One can only speculate about the farm of the future, but it is safe to say that great-great-grandparents David and Martha, were they to return today, would scarcely recognize their farm, so many changes the years have wrought. They would be astonished to see silos and automated feeding systems, sophisticated farm machinery, and a barn that houses four hundred cows. They might observe, somewhat



Barbara and Hugh Crozier.

wryly, that the present-day stewards of the farm seem to work as long as they themselves did, with perhaps not as much serenity.

Little changed though is the lake which, no doubt, prompted the original Croziers to settle on that particular farm in 1898. A sanctuary now, it continues to be a source of pleasure for those who live beside it in 1990, providing a changing panorama of birds and water. There is a sense of peace and continuity drawn from Cut Bank Lake — may future generations experience that too.

CROZIER, John Calvin

John C. (Bud) Crozier and his wife, Norma, reside on a part of the farm where he was born and raised. They were married in 1944 when Bud returned from serving two years in the Royal Canadian Air Force, and have two sons, John Alan and Ronald Preston. The boys attended school at Namao, going to Edmonton to further their education. Alan attended the University of Alberta for four years, obtaining a Bachelor of Commerce degree, then articulated to receive a Chartered Accountant degree. He and his wife, Terry, also an accountant, live in St. Albert with their children: Ricky Crozier, Jillian Mead and Glen Mead. Ronald attended the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology receiving a Technological Engineering degree. He resides at Noroncal and has three sons: Robbie, Steven and Michael.

Bud never wanted to be part of the dairy farming operation, as he had milked enough cows as a boy. He went to work in 1938 as an apprentice mechanic for Howard Samis at Namao Garage, from which he went on to become a licensed mechanic, a trade he has exercised all his life. He has been a grain farmer and also raised hogs for many years. In 1947, Bud purchased a school bus and became one of the first drivers for the Sturgeon School Division. He owned and operated his own bus for the next 29 years, retiring in 1976.

In 1969, he subdivided the river valley area of his farm, naming it for his family, Noroncal. It consists of eighteen acreages, on which settled many good friends from the Namao Air Base.

Norma has kept busy through the years. She was the first secretary at the Namao School, working for eight years for Principal William Tanasiuk. Interested in the Namao United Church, she served on the Board for many years and belonged to Namao U.C.W. She also enjoyed her "fun job", reporting Namao news for the St. Albert Gazette for nine years, covering community functions, weddings and other events.

Bud and Norma were keen curlers for twenty-five years, starting at the old St. Albert rink in 1949, then joining Lancaster Park Club when the first rink was built at the Namao Air Base.

Now semi-retired, they have enjoyed their motor home and fishing trips to northern British Columbia and Vancouver Island, and a winter vacation in Arizona. They have been fortunate enough to do a lot of travelling to Alaska and the Yukon, Hawaii, Mexico and the Caribbean, Jamaica and Florida.

Both have enjoyed living in and being a part of Namao Community. Here the community spirit was always evident, with willing hearts and hands ready to help with any project, and there were always good neighbors, friends and family.

CROZIER, Isabel

as told by her daughter-in-law Norma

Isabel Crozier is the widow of John R. Crozier, who passed away in 1973. Born in England in 1901, she was the daughter of Alfred Parton who immigrated to a homestead in the Clyde district in 1902. Today, she still resides in her own home on the same farm she came to as a bride in 1920. She enjoys good health and keeps active, still driving her own car. She is a member of the Namao 60 Plus Club, enjoying their monthly activities and the organized bus tours around the province. Un-

til four years ago, she was able to travel each winter to her favorite spot, Hawaii, which she enjoyed for many years.

Isabel lives close to her family; son Chester and his wife, Mae, live in the same yard; son John (Bud) and his wife, Norma, live just a short distance away. Her daughter, Shirley, and husband Ian Watson, live in Fort Saskatchewan; son Marc passed away in 1978. His wife, Alice, lives in Nanaimo, B.C.

She enjoys her six grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. Her grandson, Brian Watson, passed away in 1972.

Ian Watson died February 1991.

CROZIER, David Kenneth Family

Born April 16, 1897 in Olathe, Kansas, David Kenneth was the youngest child of David and Martha Rutherford Crozier, who came to Alberta in 1898 with sons, William Lloyd, John Rutherford,



Kenneth and Violet Crozier's Wedding, January 27, 1923.

David Kenneth, and daughter, Margaret Moffat (later to become Mrs. Bruce Bailey). The Cut Bank farm which they purchased from William Cust is still being operated by their descendants.

In 1923 Kenneth married Violet Gertrude, daughter of Walter and Louise Shultz, who migrated from Schuyler, Nebraska, to Namao in 1905.

Kenneth, whose own history is recorded in the second edition of the *Cameo of the West*, died October 2, 1955 at the age of fifty-eight years.

Little is written of the wives in many family histories, women who were a vital force, contributing largely to the life of their families and communities. Kenneth's wife, Violet, is one of those.

The eldest of four children, she grew up in the Namao district, receiving her education at Namao Public and Victoria High School in Edmonton. Her earliest memories are of helping with her sister, Edna, in the care of their younger brothers, Leonard and Raymond, helping with the house-keeping and cooking while their parents operated the Post Office and store next door, the same that is Johnny's Store today. A reliable little girl, Violet was, at age twelve, sworn in as Canada's youngest postmistress.

Married to Kenneth at age nineteen, she moved into the big brick house, taking her place as farm wife, mother and active member of a close-knit community. Henceforth "busy" was the operative word as she combined raising her family, caring for Grandpa Crozier and a succession of elderly uncles who came there to live, boarding hired men, and helping out with the dairy farm. For years she and sister-in-law, Isabel, on alternate days, delivered milk to Woodland Dairy in Edmonton with car and trailer, a practice that resulted in their ability to maneuver a vehicle better than most men.

Without benefit of modern conveniences and with the scarcity of money in the Great Depression, Violet shouldered a heavy workload. She went about her daily activities at top speed, often running, accomplishing more in a day than today's housewife can imagine, a day that might include, between milkings, canning ninety-five quarts of raspberries, cooking for a threshing crew, or hosting a community event in her home. Her family remembers a buoyant, vigorous woman who would swoop down like a storm cloud when discipline was meted out, or gather them to her bosom for comfort, the rocking chair in the kitchen going in double time as she gave them a few moments of loving.

Days were full, the work heavy, but time was



Kenneth Crozier Family, 1975. Clayton, Evelyn, Leona, Hugh Crozier. Art. Brinacombe and Warren Gauthier.

set aside for relaxation too; the family managed once a year to make a foray to the mountains, an event that added impetus to their daily work, and made possible by the two families working together, John's and Ken's. For those expeditions, Violet packed into the car not only the family and a friend or two, but their tent, camping gear and all the food they would eat during the vacation — meat, vegetables, baked goods, even fresh eggs for breakfast, stowed, against breakage, in chopped grain.

Always active in her community, Violet participated in the work of the church from her girlhood years until she was well into her eighties, never wavering in her strong Christian faith. She was made a Life Member of the United Church Women, an appropriate award.

After thirty-two years of marriage, their four children grown and married, Violet and Ken were beginning to enjoy some leisure time when Ken became ill and died within six weeks of being diagnosed with cancer. It was a heavy blow and a sorrowful time for a woman who had devoted her entire life to the well-being of her husband and family.

With characteristic acceptance, she entered into a second marriage in 1960 with Harry Auten, a widower from Ponoka, a happy union that saw them celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary with all the Crozier family that Harry, without children of his own, acquired and loved.

Both retired, Violet and Harry travelled to Palm Springs every winter for twenty-five years, gaining a host of friends and a second community, apart from their Edmonton home.



Harry and Violet Auten, 25th Wedding Anniversary, June 4, 1985.

Widowed once more when Harry died in 1986 in his eighty-seventh year, Violet continued to live in her homes in Edmonton and Palm Springs, to drive her car, and to have an independent life. At age eighty-six, her health declining, she declared, "I'm not going to work any more!" and with unquestioning optimism, moved into Canterbury Court, a lodge for seniors, at last allowing others to care for her. Violet Auten passed away on June 29, 1990.

The children of Violet and Kenneth Crozier are themselves grandparents, with their descendants scattered about the land.

Evelyn Elaine Crozier, born October 25, 1923, married Arthur K. Brinacombe July 18, 1946, now residing in Edmonton. Evelyn studied music and had vocal training as well as business training, working as a secretary before her marriage. Art retired from the Edmonton Public School system as principal of Stratford Junior High School. The couple winter in Palm Springs, enjoying travel, golf, and gardening at home in the summer. They raised a family of five children.:

Ronald Arthur Brinacombe, born November 26, 1949, a salesman living in the Vancouver area, who has three sons: Robert David Arthur, born April 19, 1981, John Andrew, born December 31, 1983 and William Edward, born September 15, 1987.

Arla Gail Brinacombe, born January 2, 1951, a high school teacher, married on August 2, 1974

to Darryl Sinclair who has a dental practice in Victoria, B.C. They have a family of three: daughters, Carrie Rochelle, born May 6, 1980, and Brennan Leigh, born January 5, 1983; and son, Robert William, born August 11, 1985. Both triathlon athletes, Arla and Darryl also enjoy the sport of sailing.

Gordon Donald Brimacombe, born May 30, 1953, an accountant with Revenue Canada, was married to Carol Pfefferkorn, a physician, on November 1, 1986. They live in Burnaby, B.C. with their two sons, Samuel James, born March 27, 1987, and Benjamin Gordon, born October 2, 1989.

Barbara Elizabeth (Betty) Brimacombe, born August 28, 1956, is a high school teacher in Calgary, keenly interested in sports and active in curling.

Garnet William Brimacombe, born September 28, 1960, is a commerce graduate, married June 26, 1987 to Victoria Nygaard, a teacher. A member of the University of Alberta Golden Bears hockey team, Garnet played hockey after graduation for a few years in France and Germany, residing now in Houston, Texas, where he sets up Mr. Lube stations.

The second child of Kenneth and Violet, Leona Lila Crozier, married Warren William Gauthier on August 22, 1947. Before marriage, Leona remained at home, helping her mother with the tasks of cooking, housekeeping and caring for the family and hired men. Leona established forever the reputation of being able to fix or make anything, from sewing to carpentry. Retired after twenty-four years with Gulf Oil, Warren and Leona spent some years in the Rimbey and Stettler

areas before moving to the Crozier farm at Namao, wintering now in Palm Springs. They have a family of four children with one child deceased. Terry Brian, twin of Timothy, born May 24, 1956, died May 8, 1958, after open-heart surgery.

Eldest son Warren **Gene** Gauthier, born October 16, 1948, married Cheryl Bouchard in 1969, divorced in 1981. Their two children, Michelle Lynn, born September 17, 1969, and Michael Warren, born July 21, 1973, both live at Fort St. John, B.C. Gene was married to Frances Mohler on May 2, 1981. They are the parents of one daughter, Pamela Jean, born January 21, 1983. Living in Grande Prairie, Frances is secretary to the hospital administrator, and Gene is in the trucking business.

Gary Rutherford Gauthier, born August 8, 1951, is living in Calgary and working for C.P. Express. He has an interest in and participates in rodeos.

Timothy Lawrence Gauthier, born May 24, 1956, was married to Joan Giesbrecht on May 26, 1984, divorced in 1990. Tim works in Edmonton for a recycling company.

Deborah Lee Gauthier, born May 31, 1959, married Len Grew on May 12, 1985, is now divorced and living in Edmonton. Deb works at Woodward's, Edmonton Centre, participates in softball, and is interested in camping.

CROZIER, Charles Reginald

by Jan Davidson

Charles Reginald Crozier was the fourth child of Lloyd and Pheobe Crozier. He was born and raised on the family farm at Bellerose. He attended school at Bellerose and was active in sports. He served in the armed forces in World War II and returned to Namao to continue farming. He married Dorothy Arlene Potter of Sunnyside in 1951. They have two children, Douglas Clive and Janice Arlene. They moved to Carbondale in 1963, which is still the location of the family farm. Reg and Arlene were active community members, being involved in baseball, hockey, curling, 4-H and other community groups. Reg was elected as councillor for the M.D. of Sturgeon #90 in 1971 and served as councillor for Division #2 until his death in November 1973. Arlene married Elgin Brown of Vegreville in 1977 and now resides at Innisfree, Alberta. Doug married Debbie Johnston and they have two children, Cory David and Melissa Dawn. Jan married Rick Davidson and they have one child, Christina Layne.



Warren and Leona Gauthier.

DAVIDSON, Allen and Marilyn

Allen and Marilyn Davidson moved into North Point subdivision in June 1985, along with their daughter, Renita, who was three and a half. Geoffrey was born in October 1985. Allen is an active member of the Namao Volunteer Fire Department and has been since 1986. They are expecting another child at the end of June 1990. Their children are currently attending Namao School.

Note: Caitlin L. Davidson was born June 26, 1990.



Back: Allen, Marilyn. Front: Renita and Geoffrey, Dec., 1989.

DAVIS, Frank and Katie

written by Mrs. Margaret Davis, a daughter-in-law

Frank Davis was born on November 5, 1888 in Napanee, Ontario. He came west in the year of 1907 to join his older brother Fred, who was staying with the boys' uncle, Mr. D. B. Wilson of Namao. Frank married Katie Bourson in June of 1912. He met her in the Namao district a couple of years prior to their marriage. They settled on their farm, five and one half miles north of Namao on Highway 28, in the year 1918. They had three sons: Leonard, Roy and Marshall.



Frank and Katie Davis, 50th Wedding Anniversary, June 12, 1962.

Leonard married Mary Trenamen on August 3, 1937. They had three children: Denis, Lynda and Dorothy. Leonard worked for Allis-Chalmers Machine Company, moving from Edmonton to Calgary and then to Regina, Saskatchewan. There he became manager for the company in charge of Western Canada. He and his wife, Mary, retired to Kelowna, B.C. in July 1976.

Their son, Denis, married Patsy Coventry of Calgary in October 1962. They have two children, Paul and Anne-Marie. Denis and his wife live in Ottawa where Denis is employed by the Federal Government with the Water Resources Branch. Their son, Paul, lives in Vancouver, B.C. He is a Computer Science Technician. Anne-Marie is attending Regina University studying Computer Science.

Lynda Davis married Kelt Davies, from the Ponoka area, in September 1962. They live in Calgary and have three children. Their son, Trevor, graduated from the Calgary University in the field of Chemical Engineering. They also have twin daughters, Virginia Jane and Deborah Jean. Virginia was married on December 23, 1989. Lynda passed away on March 7, 1990 following a courageous battle with cancer, at the age of 48.

Dorothy Davis married Colin Turnbull from Regina, Saskatchewan in October 1974. They have one son, Cameron Leonard, born on July 31, 1983 and they now live in Kelowna.

Roy married Mary-Ellen (Babe) Harrold in November, 1937. They lived in Edmonton. In the early years of their marriage he was in the trucking business driving for local residents. In 1948 he purchased a school bus in which he transported students to Namao School. In 1952, Roy and Babe moved onto the home farm as Frank's health was beginning to fail. In the year of 1964, Frank



Katie Davis' 95th Birthday. L-R: Margaret, Marshall, Katie, Roy and Babe held at Namao hall on November 29, 1984.

was hospitalized due to ill health. He passed away in January 1969, at the age of 80 years. Roy and Babe sold the farm and moved to the city in January 1979. Katie moved to a self-contained unit in Bon Accord, known as Sunset Manor, and lived there until she suffered a stroke on January 3, 1987. She was hospitalized until her passing on January 18, 1989, at the age of 99 years.

Roy's wife, Babe, passed away with cancer on June 6, 1987 at the age of 69 years.

On September 17, 1988, Roy married Helen Fox from Kelowna, B.C. For the first year they lived in Edmonton, and in October 1989 they decided to make their home in Kelowna. They spend their winters in Palm Springs, California.



Katie Davis — 95 years.
Taken November, 1984, at
the 60 Plus Club in the
Namao Hall.

DAVIS, Fred and Laura

written by daughter Viola Jones

Fred Davis was born on December 5, 1886 in Napanee, Ontario. At the age of 19 years, he answered the call "Go West, young man, Go West," and arrived in Edmonton in the spring of 1905.

He worked in the Namao area for the next five

years at farming, freight hauling and mining, where he obtained his "fire boss" and "pit boss" papers.

In 1909, he and his brother Frank drove a team of oxen to the Athabasca landing, where they loaded supplies on a barge and sailed up the river to Fort McMurray to work on the oil rigs. They went through this process three years in a row until 1911. That year they stayed a bit too long. The river had frozen, forcing them to walk from Fort McMurray to Lac La Biche, a distance of about 200 miles (328 kms.), where they hitched a ride to Edmonton.

In 1920 Fred married Laura Samis and moved to Big Valley in southern Alberta, where Fred worked in the mines. In 1922 they bought a farm at Jeffrey, Alberta, near Vimy. He worked on the farm in the summer and in the Picardville mine in the winter.

In June of 1927 they adopted their daughter Lois, who was six months old. Their second daughter, Viola, was born on February 8, 1928. Third daughter, Delma, was born August 4, 1931. The girls were educated at Island Lake Elementary School in the Jeffrey district and Excelsior School in the Namao district. The two older girls obtained their high school education at Vimy and Namao. Delma went to Excelsior School and later to Bon Accord. The family lived on the Luther Samis farm. Laura passed away in February of 1942 at the age of 51, after a lengthy illness.

Fred and the two younger girls moved back to the farm in Jeffrey in the spring of 1943. Lois moved to Edmonton that year to start her life in the work-a-day world. This eventually took her to Kimberly and Vancouver, B.C., where she worked at CP Air as a ticket agent until early retirement after 30 years. She now resides in her own home in Richmond, B.C.

Viola married Albert (Bert) Jones in 1947. They had three children; Gary, Valerie and Terri. (See Jones Family History)

Delma married Donald (Swede) Gervais on April 16, 1948. They had six children, five boys and one girl: Larry, Dale, Laurel, Neil, Robin and Jeffrey. Don passed away on March 15, 1968 at Fox Creek, Alberta in an accident while clearing trees with his caterpillar. Larry, the oldest son, passed away on December 6, 1970 at the age of 22.

Dale married Denise Waffler from Little Smokey, Alberta. They have two girls, Dawn and Day. Dale is self-employed in the trucking business and lives on their farm near Valleyview, Alberta.

Laurel married Rick Gascon and they had two girls, Cary and Janice. On April 29, 1982, Rick and four others went missing on a flight from Fox Creek, Alberta to Prince George, B.C. The wreckage of the presumed crash was never found. Laurel remarried Darryl Clayton in 1985 and they had a little boy, Cory. Laurel, Darryl and family live in Fox Creek, Alberta.

Neil married Betty Davidson from St. Walburg, Saskatchewan. They have a son, Luke, born October 27, 1988. Neil and Betty live in Kamloops, B.C. where Neil works for Trans-Mountain Pipelines.

Robin married Marion Maddox of Eckville, Alberta in 1988. He works in the oil industry and lives in Fox Creek.

Jeffrey married Jennifer Brown of Valleyview in the summer of 1989. They live in Valleyview where Jeff also works in the oil industry.

Delma lives in Fox Creek.

Following Laura's death in 1942, Fred was a widower for twelve years. In the spring of 1953, Fred had the misfortune of breaking his leg, and the good fortune of meeting Gerda Hespe at Westlock Hospital, where Gerda was employed. In May of 1954, Fred and Gerda were married and resided in Westlock.

Fred loved hunting and fishing very much. He continued this until late in life, when his health began to fail. When Fred was 74, he and his stepson, Heiko, went big game hunting. They decided to separate for a while to see what each could find.

As nightfall approached, they were unable to find each other. Heiko fired several shots in the air, but heard no reply from Fred. Realizing that Fred must be lost, Heiko contacted the R.C.M.P. and they began a formal search.

By then, Fred also realized he was lost and decided to wait for morning to see where the sun came up to regain his sense of direction and walk out. He called it a day, falling asleep on a bed of spruce boughs beside a fire. In the middle of the night, Heiko, the R.C.M.P. and a police dog found Fred. He couldn't understand why everyone was so concerned, because he was perfectly safe and not worried at all.

Fred and Gerda moved to Comox, B.C. in April, 1966, where he remained active, fishing and taking walks until he entered a nursing home in 1976. He resided there until he passed away at the age of 95 on January 10, 1982.

DAVIS, Marshall and Margaret

written by Margaret Davis (nee Law)

Marshall was born on December 23, 1921. He lived with his parents, Frank and Katie Davis, along with his two brothers, Leonard and Roy. Their mixed farm was located five and one half miles north of Namao on Highway 28. Marshall attended Excelsior Elementary School, completing his Grade IX and passing with a diploma in 1936. After leaving school he entered the field of trucking, driving for local residents for the first few years.

I, Margaret (Law) was born on February 26, 1924. I lived with my parents, Nathaniel and Isabella Law, on a mixed farm three and one half miles north of Namao, also on Highway 28. Being an only child, I grew up with outdoor responsibilities as well as indoor duties. I attended Excelsior Elementary School also. Mary Trenamen taught both Marshall and me for one year. She later married Leonard Davis. After leaving Excelsior School I went on to Namao High School and later to Alberta College, taking a secretarial course. In 1943 I was employed by the Provincial Government as a secretary until Marshall and I were married on July 28, 1945.

For the first two years of our married life we lived on the farm of Marshall's parents, in the upper storey of their two storey house. We had our own little apartment there. We remodelled



Marshall and Margaret Davis, 45th Wedding Anniversary, July 28th, 1990.

bedrooms, one into a kitchen, another into a living room, and had one bedroom left over. During this period Marshall worked for the Gwilliam Coal Mine which was situated across the road from Mollie McDonell's residence. In 1947, we built our first home on our present building site. On this quarter of land there were 60 acres broken out of 160. The rest was all treed. There was no doubt in our mind what we would be doing during the next few years. Over this period, covering the last two years, we had accumulated a fair amount of livestock which kept us busy enough that Marshall had no time to work in the mine. However, in 1949 he found time to work for Canadian Superior Oil Company, managing the oil well situated on our property at that time. In November 1951, we bought our first one-ton truck to haul milk. This was the beginning of our milk transport business, commencing with eight gallon cans and continuing on in this manner, until the summer of 1960. During this particular period, all the dairy shippers went to bulk milk tanks, somewhat like they are today. This meant all the truckers had to switch to bulk milk tanks, thus eliminating a lot of labour. In April 1969, we sold the trucking busi-

ness to Gary Bland of Morinville. We also bought another quarter of land nearby at this time.

On November 5, 1952, we adopted our daughter, Sharon Margaret. She was ten days old when we got her, and it turned out her birthday fell on the same day as Marshall's dad's, November 5. That way we would celebrate two birthdays with one party. I must say we got a lot of pleasure watching her grow and develop, together with the usual ups and downs.

Sharon obtained her early schooling from Naimao Elementary School and later she attended M.E. LaZerte Composite High School. After graduating she was employed as a key-punch operator and later as a junior buyer for Regent Drilling Oil Company. On November 29, 1975, she married Donald Foster, son of Ivan and Margaret Foster of Gibbons. Their daughter, Kathy Dawn, was born on April 19, 1977. On July 31, 1982, Sharon was remarried to Larry Frank, from Humbolt, Saskatchewan. They now live in Smithers, B.C. and Kathy is the only child.

During the years 1963 to 1985, Marshall, myself and Sharon were very involved with saddle horse activities, including gymkhana and square dancing on horseback. We joined the square dance club in the year of 1963, and the group was known as the Edmonton Mounted Square Dancers. On July 16, 1965, this square dance group entertained Mr. and Mrs. Gordie Tapp, and son, Jeff, at Leecol Stables Arena.

Mrs. Bill Collins hosted the event, where members of the Edmonton Mounted Square Dancers presented a private display of their work. Mr. Tapp was made an honorary member of the group, and was presented with a shirt, a replica of those worn by male members of the thirteen-person organization.

The club escalated very rapidly during the years of 1966 to 1969. In 1966 our drillmaster, Doug Leng, designed a torch which included a three foot long rod that fitted into a pocket on the saddle, in order to make it easier to carry. The rod was equipped with a wick on top capable of producing flames. The horses did not fear the flames, but were deathly afraid of the shadows. Once overcoming the fear, they worked very well in the dark. This was known as The Torch Dance, and was very spectacular to watch.

The club captured many first place trophies and ribbons for mounted groups in Edmonton, Calgary and Medicine Hat Parades. This included five consecutive years at Calgary and also Medicine Hat Parades and Rodeos. The highlight for



Back, L-R: Marshall and Margaret Davis, and Larry Frank.
Front: Katie Davis, Kathy Frank and Sharon Frank.



Marshall, Margaret and Sharon Davis. Calgary Infield, July, 1969.

the group came in October, 1967, when we travelled to Expo in Montreal for their rodeo. We travelled by train for a ten-day show, and a week-long show at Winnipeg on our return home. The horses travelled in a separate car on the train, known as the Palace Car. These shows were sponsored by Herman Linder, who was the top rodeo promoter in Alberta at that time. Another highlight was the Vancouver Rodeo in April, 1969, again sponsored by Herman Linder. Our transportation matched that of the Montreal trip. We also had one more very important show in July of 1969. It involved a ten day performance done on the Calgary infield for the Calgary Stampede and Rodeo. This show was promoted by Winston Bruce, who saw our Expo performance at Montreal in 1967. Winston was the promoter for the Calgary Stampede and Rodeo in 1968, and booked the group for 1969 at Calgary. The group was always very pleased to participate in these shows. We always felt our horses paid our way, including our train fare. Food and lodging were taken care of by the rodeo contractors.

During these years Sharon rode in the Fort Trail Gymkhana Club, in which all three of us were involved again. In the years of 1971 and 1972, Marshall and I organized the Namao Gymkhana Club. Sharon also rode in this club. Commencing with the year of 1973 a whole new executive committee took over and we were no longer involved with the club. However, during the year of 1974, the club held a Trophy Day Gymkhana with local clubs

competing. Sharon was still riding with the club. She got lucky and won the trophy, which turned out to be a western saddle. A great way to end her years of competition.

DIPROSE, Ken and Lucie

Ken and Lucie Diprose settled in the Namao area in the summer of 1967. Along with their two children, Ken Jr. and Rose-Anne, they moved from north Edmonton to the North Point subdivision. Ken Sr. worked for McKinnley and Taylor Sheet Metal Ltd. in Edmonton, while Lucie remained at home keeping very busy with the children, a very large garden and many crafts. Ken Jr. attended an Edmonton college, while Rose-Anne attended Namao School and later St. Albert High. Lucie was a CGIT leader along with Ruby Tymo in Namao for a short time, and later formed the Golden Hands Club for girls between the ages of 10-12 from the neighbouring sub-divisions. In 1975, Ken Jr. married Renee Veins. They presently live in St. Albert with their three children: Ryan, Rachelle, and Leanne. In 1981, Ken and Lucie sold the acreage and moved to their present home in St. Albert. Soon after, Ken Sr. retired after 31 years of employment with McKinnley and Taylor. Rose-Anne married Glenn Caruk in 1981 and lived in St. Albert with their two children: Shawn and Ashley, until 1985. They were then transferred to Ontario. In the summer of 1989, they returned to Alberta and purchased an acreage in the North Point subdivision where they look forward to becoming members in the Namao area once again.



L-R: Ken Jr., Lucie, Ken, and Rose-Anne, Dec. 25th, 1986.

DOWHANIUK, Fred and Tillie

"Tillie, I fixed the tractor block by tying it together with wire, and it works just fine," grinned

Fred, as he passed a glass of high bush cranberry juice to his wife. "Looks like we may have to combine all night if we want to harvest our wheat this year."

"It seems just like yesterday that we moved from Waugh, Alberta to Sunnyside; that was in the fall of '48 four years after our marriage. You were born on that homestead February 21, 1918. Your parents, Dymtro and Lena, farmed that land since 1910," recalled Tillie, as she looked across the yard. "You know that old house of ours? The neighbor, Mr. Gabbey wants to buy it."

Slowly eating his piece of jellied meat, Fred quietly replied, "It isn't bothering anyone. Let's just leave it alone. We raised four children in that three-room house."

"How did we manage, Fred, to keep warm in that house when the temperature would fall to -50°, with only a stove in the kitchen to keep us warm? Remember one cold night neither you nor I woke up to put coal on the fire, and by morning we were freezing."

"If that stove could talk, it would tell many stories. Do you recall the time the horses came to graze in the yard? When we got up, the kitchen walls were black with mosquitoes. Our children thought we were having fun waving and slapping those blankets on the walls. That time we still had plenty of bush and sloughs on the low land by the river, which was a good breeding area for mosquitoes."

Fred buttered a piece of Tillie's freshly baked bread as he listened to Tillie. "That stove warmed our children's cold feet many a time. I could never understand why our children had to walk a mile east to the school bus, then ride the bus for another hour before they got to school when we live only three miles from Namao School. One winter, when the neighbourhood children were invited to Marlene's birthday party, they found out what it was like to walk in the cold. I remember the girls having to coax their friends the last quarter mile as their friends were crying and refusing to walk any further. How many pairs of feet did we have in front of the oven that evening?"

"If your stove can tell stories, Tillie, you should listen to what my shovel has to say! You and I will never forget that quarter mile of open road east of Highway 28, when the drifts were level with our Meteor. We must have shovelled most of that road before we drove into our yard."

"But Fred, I remember one time when we weren't so lucky. Our car got stuck in a drift. It was a good thing we had a blanket in the car, for we



Jim's and Barbara's Wedding Reception at Namao School.

covered up with that blanket and walked home. No sooner were we home, than our neighbour, Bill Schlamp, drove into the yard to ask for help with delivering a calf. In exchange, we got help with digging our car out of the snow drift."

"We didn't have much time to rest in the winter," related Fred, "as the ashes needed to be taken out from the stove, the coal brought in, and snow melted for our weekly baths. Life became a little easier once we got electricity installed about 1952. Soon after, we purchased a television. I had a short-wave radio and the noise from the children listening to the TV would interfere with my enjoyment of the radio programs. Remember the antenna I built? It circled our yard, and I was able to receive programs as far away as Europe."

"The television then began to compete with homework, for the children all did their homework in front of the set between commercial breaks. Yet what do you say when the principal, Mr. Tanasiuk, presented our son, Jim, with the Grade 9, Maryann Tanasiuk Academic Achievement Award, and announced that our son didn't have to work hard to earn his excellent grades. Maybe the TV was a good thing after all."

Jim (James Wayne) Dowhaniuk was born March 8, 1953. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in geology from the University of Alberta. On August 25, 1979, he married Barbara Mulligan and after a few years of residing in Calgary, moved to an 80 acre farm west of Strathmore. Jim is raising three daughters: Carla, Dana, and Jenna. He explores for oil for major companies in Calgary.



Tillie spent all winter sewing the beads on her Ukrainian costume.

"Fred, are we going to join the Ukrainian Choir this year? As a family we have been taking part in yearly concerts, at the Jubilee Auditorium, dedicated to the Ukrainian poet and writer, Taras Shevchenko, since 1957. Remember how we enjoyed watching our son, David, dance the lead role in his dance group as a "Gido" (old man). Both our daughters sang in the choir. Lucy also was active in a couple of plays at school. It's no surprise that she made a career in cultural activities, by working as a cultural administrator."

Lucille Dowhaniuk-Komanchuk was born February 11, 1945. At school Lucille diligently studied, and in Junior High she was presented with a book award and the McMillan Cup for academic achievements and rapport with the other students. She obtained a teaching certificate in 1965 and taught for five years in such locations as



Marlene with husband John Ursulak and sister Lucille at Cochrane.

Valleyview, Lindale, Hanna, Tofield, Ryley, Edmonton, Calgary, Grand Manan Island, N.B. and even substitute taught at Namao School. She obtained her Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Calgary in 1968. In 1972 she returned to study further and to teach at the University of Alberta for a year. Since 1973 she has developed programs in visual arts for parents, children and teachers, for Alberta Culture. In 1985 she was mainly responsible for organizing the first provincial summer art program for teens called Summer-scapes.

Along with her career, she put her daughters through university. Naomi obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree, specializing in languages, and is continuing her studies in Architectural Design in Milan, Italy. Shawna will complete her Bachelor of Education degree in the spring of 1990.

Lucille resides in Edmonton with her husband, Orest Komanchuk, whom she married December 31, 1988.

"You know, Fred, we spent every Saturday and one day a week rehearsing for concerts. And do you remember all the picnics we hosted by the Sturgeon River for the Ukrainian community? We also helped our children when they participated in community or school activities. Marlene ran for, and was crowned Queen of the '63 Winter Carnival. We drove our daughter and her friend, Diane Potter, to every house in the district, as well as outside the district, to sell tickets. Our relatives and friends even became involved by buying tickets at the dance right up to the last hour."

"Tillie, you sold tickets in the Thorhild area where you know many people. Your parents, Harry and Ann, farmed and brought you up in the area. It was around 1930, for you were only eight years old, when your parents moved to Thorhild."

"I always have a good laugh, Tillie, when I remember you trying to convince one old fellow at Thorhild to buy some tickets."

"Fred, I remember I explained that he could win some appliances. He told me he had no electricity. But he bought several tickets when I jokingly told him he could plug the appliances into his mare."

"We always enjoyed entertaining people if not by singing a song or telling them a good story or joke. Is that why our daughter, Marlene, with her husband, John Ursulak, enjoy operating their hotel at Cochrane?"

Marlene Ursulak was born January 17, 1948. She graduated in 1968 from the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology with a Chemical Tech-

nology Certificate. Until 1971 she worked with the Alberta Research Council as a supervisor of the data processing section for Alberta Environment. In 1979, due to the government's decentralizing policies, her department was moved to Vegreville, and she joined Alberta Transportation as an accident investigator. Married in 1980, she followed her husband, John, in 1983 to Waverly, Nova Scotia. While John worked on the off-shore drilling rigs as an oil drilling foreman, she obtained her certificate as a hair stylist and worked as a real-estate agent. Upon returning to Cochrane in 1987 she obtained her paralegal certificate and worked in a law office in Cochrane for a year.

"Fred, that road west of the farm has certainly changed. Remember how beautiful it was, the way it wound around the hill and over the creek, with the willow and poplar trees bending over the road? Now we have a straight ugly gash and a large metal hole for a creek."

"But Tillie, do you see how every spring nature protests by having the water soften the top of the hill, leaving a big pot hole?"

"When we first moved to the farm we lived on all the pheasants, rabbits and pigeons you shot, Fred, while I preserved vegetables from three gardens. As well, I made fruit from the blueberry and saskatoon berries you picked. I sure enjoyed pickling all those suckers and jackfish you caught in the Sturgeon River that runs through our farm. Remember how sparkling clean that river was until about 1958 when it became polluted?"

"Do you think our children can keep our culture, our Western traditions and our land from being destroyed? Maybe there is a good reason why our son, David, is investigating complaints of pollution for Alberta Environment."



David and wife Sandy celebrating the christening of their boys, Russel, Stephen and Travis, with Father Moyschuk.

David Dowhaniuk was born April 27, 1949. He participated actively on the boys' basketball team in school. He received his Materials Testing Diploma from the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology in 1970 and has worked for the provincial government in Alberta Environment since 1971, travelling throughout Alberta investigating complaints of environmental pollution. Along with managing a full-time career, David has helped Fred to operate the farm. Since July 24, 1989, when Fred passed away, David and his wife, Sandy, have been farming on their own. They married on February 21, 1976 and have three sons: Tavis, Stephen and Russell. Sandy supervises court reporters for the Attorney General's Department.

DOWHANIUK, Mike and Kathleen *submitted by Kathleen Palamarchuk (nee Dowhaniuk)*

In the Spring of 1946, Mike and I purchased a quarter section of land in the Duagh area through the VLA as Mike was a war veteran. It was SE ¼ of 21-55-23-W4, and Mike and I and our firstborn son, Kenn, moved right in. Mike was the fifth child of Wasyl and Magdalena Dowhaniuk of Waugh, and I was the sixth child of Dmytro and Wasylina Dowhaniuk of Opal (not related). Mike served in the army from 1941 to 1946. As he was raring to do work, we moved into an old log house which had been vacant for twelve years, and began farming.

We were hailed out in 1947, but in 1948 we built a new home, and in it we raised three more children. Darlene Marcia was born on August 30, 1947. She went through grade school and took dental assisting at NAIT. Linda Sheryl, born August 11, 1949, was a stenographer. Dennis Richard



Mike Dowhaniuk
(1941-1946)



Mike Dowhaniuk Family. L-R: Mike, Ken, Linda, Marcia, Dennis and Kathleen.

Michael was born November 21, 1952, and ended up running the family farm at Bon Accord.

In 1956 we built a new hog barn at Duagh and kept hogs, turkeys, chickens, ducks and cows. In 1958 we sold the farm to George and Wilma McDonald, moved to Edmonton for one year, and then went back to farming five and a half miles northwest of Bon Accord until 1973, when Mike was killed in a car accident.

Kenn passed away in 1966. Marcia married Wayne Cudmore. They live in Barrie, Ontario, and Wayne is a dental technician. Linda married Don Cable and they both work for AGT. Dennis, the farmer, married Leona Barbour and is still farming. He took over after his father's death.

I was remarried to Bill Palamarchuk, and we have resided on the acreage at Namao Ridge since 1976. We are now retired.

ELLIOT Family

Cardiff, Alberta — 1910-1925

by Olive Kinsella and Margaret Elliot

Our father, Tom Elliot, was born in Ayre, Ontario, in 1865. He spent his younger years in Ontario.

In 1905 he moved to Edmonton (Strathcona) with his wife and two daughters. He was a steam engineer by trade. In 1907, like so many people from the East, he decided to try his hand at homesteading. He filed on a quarter section of land in what is now the Westlock district. He built a house and barn, bought a team of oxen, a cow, a few chickens, a walking plow and wagon. He worked on the land for over a year. He managed to get enough land cleared and broken as was required for him to receive the patent for the land. By 1909 there was a year and some months' time that the land still had to be occupied. Dad heard

about work in his trade in Cardiff. He got a job at the Alberta mine. Mother and we three girls stayed on the homestead until 1910 and then moved to Cardiff.

I started school in the little building used as a school on week days and as a church on Sundays. The new school was ready a few months later. It was a one room school, and there were close to 100 pupils on the roll at times.

At that time, there were two stores in Cardiff. One was owned by Arthur Gervais on the main road, and the other one owned by Billy Dives, by the hotel south of the Cardiff mine. The first Post Office was also in this store.

There were three mines running: the Alberta, Banner and Cardiff. The coal was taken out by underground mining.

A great many of the farmers used to live on their homesteads in the summer and come into the mines in the winter. Their children were then able to attend school.

The Alberta Mine, later known as the Parker Mine, was eventually bought in 1927 by Levi Parker after Cardiff's "hey day". He sold the building that was used as the United Church, on that quarter of land. He also raised some Hereford cattle for a time.

Footnote by Florence Vranas (nee Kieser)

Olive is almost blind at this time but has a very clear memory. Both ladies are very dear to me. Olive (Elliot) Kinsella is the mother of the noted author, W. P. Kinsella, whose 1980 novel, *Shoeless Joe Jackson Come to Iowa*, became the hit movie, "Field of Dreams". The movie, starring



L-R: Margaret Elliot, Olive (Elliot) Kinsella, Margaret (McGregor) McLay at Cardiff Park, 1988.

Kevin Costner, was nominated for best movie of 1990. W. P. Kinsella has also written a collection of tales featuring writer Silas Erminskin and his rowdy sidekick, Frank Fencepost.

EPPINGA, Tom and Tina

written by Tina Eppinga

It all began in the Netherlands, the land of the tulips, for Tom and Tina.

Tom was born on October 11, 1940, in a town called Zunderdorp, just outside of Amsterdam North. He came from a family of five, with him being the oldest. Next oldest is his brother, Henk, and two sisters, Wietske and Nel, also a younger brother, Peter. Tom was the only adventuresome one from his family. The rest of his family members remained in Holland. Tom decided, when he was 18 years old, that he would not be going into the army. His whole dream was involved with dairy farming, and he saw no future in Holland. He found a sponsor in Edmonton and left Holland in the spring of 1959 on a ship called "The Big Bear". He remarked that a number of the people on the boat were sea-sick during the trip. The men and women were kept in separate living quarters, and there were periods of maybe a couple of days when families would not see one another. Tom first came to the Rollyview area, near Leduc, where he worked for three months. Through a Dutch neighbor in the area, he met Fred Talsma, also from Holland. Fred was in partnership in the dairy business with Elmer Bell, living in the Sunnyside area, when Tom went to work for him late in the year of 1959. Fred Talsma bought a farm of his own in St. Albert in 1962. Tom went into partnership with Elmer Bell at this time. Elmer passed away during the summer of 1963, and then the partnership continued with Elmer's wife, Sarah.

Tina Abma was born on October 27, 1945, in a little town called Holysloot, just seven kilometers away from Tom's birthplace. Tina came to Canada with her parents and brothers in the spring of 1949 at the age of three years. Tina came from a family of nine children, with Tina being the second oldest. She has four brothers in the dairy business, working together in Leduc. Her mother still lives there also. Her father passed away on September 20, 1986. Tina has two sisters living in Edmonton and another sister living in Phoenix, Arizona, U.S.A.

Tom and Tina met through a young people's group at their Dutch church known as the Trinity

Christian Reformed Church, now located at 13427-57 St. in Edmonton, in the year of 1961. They were engaged on October 27, 1962 and one year and a half later, were married on April 23, 1965. They lived in a two-room house on the Bell farm for the first year. Sarah Bell moved to Edmonton during the year of 1966, and at this time Tom and Tina moved their household belongings, on a hayrack, into Sarah's house on the Bell Farm. In the spring of 1967, Tom and Tina bought the farm from Sarah Bell. They have a family of three: two girls and a boy. Audra Lee was born in April 1967, Michelle Annette in March of 1969, and a son, Thomas Peter, in November of 1970.

They have had their ups and downs as far as hired help on the dairy farm was concerned, but always managed to get the cows milked, the crops planted in the spring, the haying taken care of during the summer, and the crops harvested in the fall. They had two major fires on their farm during the seventies. Many bales were burned, together with a hayshed.

Their three children received their schooling at the North Edmonton Christian School from Grades 1 to 9. The girls obtained their high school education from the Edmonton Christian High, and Thomas Peter went to Sturgeon Composite High School. Audra is now living in west Edmonton and works at a store called Bretton's, in the jewellery department, at West Edmonton Mall. Michelle is living in west Edmonton also, and works for the Royal Bank. On June 2, 1990, she is to be married to Peter Kool, from Edmonton. Thomas Jr. has graduated from high school and now works full time at home.

In the spring of 1983, Tom suffered a heart ailment which caused him to slow down. He managed to keep his dairy farm going with the help of his family and hired help.

Tom and Tina celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on April 23, 1990. On this special occasion, Tom's mother, Mei, his brother, Henk, and wife Ellen, sister, Wietske, and husband Wim Bree-dyk, also sister Nel, and her husband, Erik Honingh, all living in Holland, attended this anniversary. For Michelle's wedding in June, Tom's brother, Peter, and wife Marietta, will be flying from Holland to attend. The rest of the family, except Mother Mei, who is staying with Tom and Tina until the wedding, have returned to Holland. After the June wedding, Mei will be returning to Holland with Tom's brother, Peter, and wife Marietta. Tom's father passed away on March 6, 1989.

FAY, Frank and Jenny and Family

by Jenny Fay

The children are: Kim Fay, with Alberta Government, Community Correctional Administrator at Red Deer, Alberta; Susan Fay (now Kwak), lives in Edmonton, and is married to Walter Kwak, who is Carpenter Foreman at Canadian Forces Base, Edmonton; Allan Fay, with Alberta Government, is a lawyer (Crown Prosecutor) in Calgary, Alberta; Leslie Fay (now Blackburn), Recruitment Classification Officer at Edmonton Telephones, is married to Kevin Blackburn (Sales Amcro Ltd.), and lives in St. Albert, Alberta.

Frank and family came to Namao Air Base in 1957, and through curling, golfing and hockey, became acquainted with many Namao Community people. After two transfers to the Air Base, we built a home in 1970 on Lot 6 of Norancal sub-division (sub-division by Bud Crozier). After two more transfers, we finally came back to stay in 1980. Frank retired from the military in 1984 and keeps occupied with many hobbies around the acreage. Jenny is employed at Edmonton Public Schools.

FEDORCHUK, Martin and Helen

Martin and Helen Fedorchuk moved to Northpoint in October of 1964 along with their six month old daughter, Michelle. James was born in October 1965. In 1966 they moved to Lodgepole, Alberta, where Martin worked in the lumbering industry. In 1967 they moved back to their home and Martin started employment with the CNR. In 1969 they moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba, where



Standing: Michelle, James. Sitting: Martin and Helen.

Martin took an apprenticeship as a machinist, returning in 1970. Helen took employment in the insurance field.

Michelle and James both attended Namao Elementary and both graduated from Sturgeon Composite High School. Michelle obtained her Bachelor of Education at the University of Alberta, and is presently employed with the Catholic School Board at Sherwood Park. James completed an electrical apprenticeship with the CNR. Along with their parents, they were active in the church and 4-H Club.

Martin was a member of the Namao Volunteer Fire Department. He passed away March 6, 1990, while vacationing in Hawaii.

FLYNN, James Joseph (Jim)

James Joseph (Jim) Flynn was born to John Flynn and Anne Flynn (nee Kavanagh) on June 2nd, 1904, in Namao, Alberta, the youngest of the John Flynn children.

Jim attended Rose Ridge school and usually bragged about only going to school for three days, and the first two days the teacher wasn't there, but we do have proof in books that he was still taking Elementary Composition in 1918 at Rose Ridge. Jim worked on the farm three miles west of Namao, but he also liked to play musical instruments and sports. Jim played the violin, banjo and mandolin, well enough to play in orchestras at dances.



Jean, Claudette and June.



Jim and Mary Flynn, taken in 1930's.

He was a member of the Namao ice hockey team, played for the Sturgeon River Shieks Baseball team, and enjoyed tennis.

When his parents retired to St. Albert, Jim took over the original John Flynn homestead with his sister, Mary Flynn (now Wilson).

For those who knew Jim, and to the chagrin of the author of this article, you never quite knew when Jim was serious and when he was stringing you a line, so I think he formally met Mary Behiels in 1935, despite the fact that the two families had been acquainted for many years. Mary was born near Morinville, the seventh child in a fami-



Back Row, L-R: Jim, Mary, Claudette. Front Row: June and Jean.

ly of fourteen. She was born to her parents, Joseph Behiels and Marie Collette Soetaert, on October 18, 1911.

Mary attended Rose Ridge school until her mother's death in 1925, then spent one year in the Morinville Convent before she went out into the world of work.

She and Jim were married on July 27, 1937 at the Morinville Church. Jim and Mary's first child, Marie Ann Claudette, was born on April 21, 1938. The next two girls, June Cecilia and Jean Laura, were born on April 15, 1942.

Jim and his four girls lived and worked on the homestead. They all worked together, farming many fields, raising pigs, tending to the chickens and milking their cows. They sold eggs and cream. The twins alone were a lot of work for a few years. Jim never did get his son, so Claudette soon learned to milk cows, drive tractor and even play horseshoes.

Claudette attended Rose Ridge School from 1944-1947. Miss Halabowich, Miss Melesko, and Miss Audrey Wilde respectively, were the teachers for those years. Mrs. Annie Maloney taught for the first part of the 1947 term until bus arrangements could be made, and then it was off to St. Albert School.

June and Jean went to St. Albert with Claudette in 1948, and all three girls graduated from St. Albert High. Although there was always a lot of work to do on the farm, Jim always saw that there was time for fun too. As a family, there were picnics and Flyer hockey games, Ice Capades, camping, dances, drive-ins, and even curling in later years. There were always visits with relatives and friends.

Claudette left the farm in 1955 to attend the University of Alberta. She played on the University basketball team and played violin in the University Symphony. She obtained a Jr. E. Certificate in Education in 1956 and taught school in Riviere Qui Barre until 1960, when she married Gerald Vague. They moved to St. Albert and later to Edmonton to raise their five children: Rhonda, Kerri, Randy, Todd and Jodi. Claudette has taught for thirty years and is presently Principal of St. Sophia School in Edmonton.

June attended University in 1959 and received a secondary certificate in Education. She taught at Namao School and then married Rene Victoor. They moved to the Victoor Dairy and grain farm near Villeneuve, where they still reside. They have raised three children: Jamie, Sherri-Lynne and Gail. Jamie has married a teacher, Deanna Austin.



L-R: Jean Bonnyville, Claudette Vague, Mary Flynn, Jim Flynn, June Victoor

They and their two sons, Justin and Jesse, have joined the Victoor Farm and Dairy Organization.

Jean attended Business College in 1959 and worked for the College of Physicians and Surgeons until her marriage to Albert Bonnevillie. They lived in many places in Alberta and the United States. The bank Al worked for transferred him to many places. They have raised two children, Monique and Myles.



John Thomas Flynn

Jim and Mary retired to St. Albert in 1970. They both continued to curl at Lancaster Park and St. Albert. Jim died in February 1982 and Mary in November 1988, both at the age of 77. They are buried together in the St. Albert Cemetery.



Bridget McGill Flynn

FLYNN Family Celebrates 100 Years

Decendants of John Thomas Flynn gathered in St. Albert on August 28, 1988, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of his arrival west from Parry Sound.

Granddaughter Irene Hiland was able to participate in the St. Albert Homecoming 1988 on the August long weekend, as well as the "Flynn Picnic", postponed from June 25 to August 28.

"My grandparents arrived by train in Calgary on July 2, 1888, in a snowstorm. John herded his cattle on horseback toward Edmonton; his wife, Bridget, followed, driving a buckboard with the five little ones: Tom, Annie, Hugh, Agnes and

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1888

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Frank. It took them 10 days to reach Edmonton and eventually St. Albert, where they stayed with Mrs. Whalen until Grandpa had improved the homestead."

"I still have my grandmother's letters written back to her father and sisters in Montreal, telling of her trip west," Hiland said.

The Flynn family was very active in the community, as recorded in the two-volume history, *The Black Robe's Vision*. The Flynn men helped build the present St. Albert Catholic Parish Church, and Bridget played the organ for several years.

"Aunt Mary Flynn Wilson, 'our only living aunt', was presented with a pioneer certificate at the July 31 Homecoming Picnic, and had a copy made for each family", Hiland said.

"There is to be a family plate made as a souvenir, and I believe the Flynn family will buy a tree which will be planted along the red shale walk leading down the hill from the church," she said. The path is to be planted on both sides with trees marked with pioneer plaques. One of them will be a living memorial to John Thomas and Bridget McGill Flynn, 1888-1988.

Three children were born in Collingwood, Ontario, at that time known as Township of Strong, District of Parry Sound. William Francis was born on April 23, 1883. Elizabeth Katherine, my mother, was born July 17, 1884 and Mary Ellen (Mae) was born April 6, 1886.

Having made the decision to come west, Patrick and Bridget shipped all their worldly possessions as far as Calgary, the end of the steel. In Calgary they equipped a wagon drawn by oxen and set out for Edmonton, following the Calgary-Edmonton Trail, a trip of some 300 miles at that time. It was early May and the trail was muddy. While in Red Deer, Indians stole the children's shoes but no one was harmed. They arrived in Edmonton June 2, 1887, crossed the North Saskatchewan River and pushed on to St. Albert where Bridget had three brothers, Daniel, William and Michael Maloney, who had come from the east a few years previously.

Upon their arrival, they obtained a small house at the bottom of the west hill in St. Albert and

FLYNN, Patrick Thomas

by his granddaughter Marguerite Trudel (nee Lee)

Patrick Thomas Flynn was born in York (now Toronto) on June 24, 1856. Mrs. Flynn (nee Bridget Theresa Maloney) a native of Collingwood, Ontario, was born in December 1855. Of Irish descent, both he and his wife's parents had come from Ireland. Patrick and Bridget were married in Owen Sound, Grey County, on January 14, 1879.



Patrick Thomas Flynn

wintered there. On December 6, 1887, Bridget had another son, John Thomas, their first child born in the west. They continued living in St. Albert until a house was built on the homestead in the Rose Ridge district. Later a school, Rose Ridge School, was built on this quarter of land. Many hardships must have been endured in this new land but their strong faith in God and hard work made success possible.

Two more sons were born in St. Albert, Patrick Michael, born August 8, 1889, and Daniel Joseph, born June 14, 1891. The three eldest children attended school at the Mission where they learned to speak French.

The Flynns prospered on their land. Patrick acquired cattle and horses and eventually had three quarters of land. He also had a steam-powered threshing machine which required 27 men to run. Among his horses was a driving team often used by the country doctor who came that far and then procured a fresh team especially on cold blizzardy trips.

Tragedy struck the family when Bridget suffered a stroke in 1901. She lived for four years on the farm until Patrick bought a house in Edmonton where she passed away on March 19, 1908, after being an invalid for seven years. She is buried in the family plot in the St. Albert cemetery.

William Francis was only four years old when he came to St. Albert. When he was only ten, he drove a team of horses for his father who freighted to Athabasca Landing to supplement the family income. After the Rose Ridge School was built on the farm, the teachers often boarded with the Pat Flynn family. One of these teachers was Helen Irene Crowley who had come out west from Stratford, Ontario. William married her in Kenora, Ontario, in 1906. They returned to make their home in Edmonton where their five children were born and where William worked in Number One Firehall. Later they moved to Halkirk, Alberta and then moved to Grand Forks, B.C. in 1924. William died in June 1968. His wife predeceased him in June 1933.

Elizabeth Katherine was almost three years of age when the family came to St. Albert. When her mother took her first stroke, Elizabeth assumed the household responsibilities and kept her mother on the farm with the rest of the family until 1904 when she, her mother and father moved to Edmonton and the boys ran the farm. After her mother's passing, Elizabeth returned to the farm for another four years until she married my father on February 19, 1912. My father, Frank E. Lee, an Ameri-

can, was born in Michigan in August 1864 and had grown up riding the range. He was a very good stockman and rode in St. Albert rodeos for several years. They made their home in Edmonton where their first child, Francis Patrick, was born on May 9, 1913. Later, in 1915 they had a herd of cattle which they were raising near Duvernay, about 35 miles east of Vegreville. I, their only daughter, was born February 24, 1916. After the hard winter of 1919 when hay and straw was hauled as far as 75 miles, this herd of cattle was driven from Duvernay to St. Albert. There we lived in the Canoe Club and grazed the cattle near Big Lake. In 1922 the herd was sold and we moved to Edmonton.

The third Flynn, Mary Ellen, born April 6, 1886, was only 14 months old when she arrived in St. Albert. She began school in St. Albert and later at Rose Ridge after which she left the farm and enrolled in nursing with the Grey Nuns at the St. Boniface Hospital in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Following her graduation she worked in Edmonton at the Misericordia Hospital. In 1911 she married Melvin Bright of Ridgetown, Ontario, in Port Arthur, Ontario. They had one child, Melvin Jr., who was killed in a car accident in Detroit at the age of 22 years. Mary Ellen lived only six weeks after the tragic death of her only child passing away February 22, 1935. She, her husband and their son are buried in the family plot in Ridgetown, Ontario.

John Thomas, the first child born in St. Albert, was a natural farmer, living all his life on the farm at Rose Ridge. Tragedy struck again in April, 1914, when Thomas visited my mother in Edmonton and was struck and killed by a street car on 97 Street at the age of 24 years. He is buried beside his mother in St. Albert.

Patrick Michael lived his whole life in St. Albert district. He grew up on the farm and was a very good horseman and farmer. In 1915 he married Nancy Joyce Shove and they lived on a farm owned by the Archdiocese of Edmonton, two miles north of St. Albert Mission on Highway 2. Their four children were born and baptized in St. Albert. He died on December 8, 1930 following surgery. His wife, Nancy, passed away in January 1932. Both are buried in St. Albert cemetery.

Daniel Joseph also lived his whole life on the Rose Ridge farm. He was only 16 when his mother passed away. When war (1914-1918) broke out in September, he enlisted with the 66th Battalion of Edmonton. He was wounded in France, died November 17, 1916, at Number Three Stationary

Hospital in France, and is buried in Rouen, France. He never married.



Pat Flynn's son, Daniel Joseph, attended Sarcee Camp in 1915.

Patrick Flynn, after leaving the farm, was the caretaker for the Sisters of the Good Shepherd Home in Edmonton. In 1929, he bought a house in St. Albert and lived there for several years. I stayed with my grandfather while I attended high school (1931-1932) and had Miss Marguerite Coffey for a teacher. Patrick died October 29, 1941, and is buried in the St. Albert Cemetery. He was a member of the Old Timers Association. His name and my mother's name are on the first scroll on the Old Timer's Cabin wall.

Of the twelve grandchildren, I am the only one in Alberta, and in Edmonton.

FLYNN, Thomas Ignatius and Annie (McRae)

Tom's grandfather, John Thomas Flynn, was born in County Cork in Ireland. He married Eliza O'Donahue in 1854. She was also from Ireland. They lived in York, Ontario (now Toronto). They had two sons, John and Patrick. John was Tom's father and was born in 1855 in York.

John Flynn married Bridget McGill on January 10, 1882. She was born in Montreal in 1859. John and Bridget had thirteen children, three of whom died in infancy. Tom was the oldest of these children, born in January 1883.

Tom's parents left Parry Sound (where five of their children were born) in April 1888, for the West. His father came out in a cattle car, accompanying his livestock to Calgary. His mother left at the same time on a slat-seated train. At this time there were five children. Tom, the eldest, was five years old. They arrived in Calgary in July in a snowstorm. Grandpa met them there, and after resting, they started north. Tom's father herded the livestock while Bridget drove the buckboard. Tom often drove while she tended the children.

It took two weeks to go to Edmonton. They rested there awhile and then proceeded to St. Albert, where the family stayed until John could build a place to live. In three years he moved the family home.

In 1897 Bridget passed on after giving birth to the youngest child. She left a family of ten children.

In 1901, John married Anne Kavanaugh and they had two children.

John was instrumental in forming a school district and building a school known as Rose Ridge.

The children worked hard and could only attend school in the winter time. Tom received a few years of education at Rose Ridge.

When Tom was 21, he filed on NE ¼ of section 35. He freighted to Athabasca Landing, worked with a survey group and helped on Findley McDonell's threshing crew.

Later Tom bought a threshing machine (Aultman Taylor) and did custom threshing locally. In 1917 he married Annie McRae, daughter of John and Catherine McRae, from Riviere Qui Barre. Annie was born in 1892 in Mullan, Idaho, the only girl in a family of eight children.

Tom and Annie raised five children, two boys and three girls. They were: William, Bilda, Lawrence, Aileen and Rita.

In 1952 Annie passed away at the age of 60 years. Tom missed her greatly as she was a wonderful wife and mother. Tom was a trustee of the St. Albert Catholic Church, a member of the Rose Ridge School Board and a life member of the Northern Alberta Old Timers' Association.

His second son, Lawrence, passed away in September 1960 at the age of 39 years.

Tom was active until his death in February 1964, at the age of 81. He was sadly missed by his family and friends.

FOWLER, Cecil

by Loma McLay

Cecil Griffith Fowler, was born August 31, 1901, in Sac City, Iowa. He married Jean Waddel Roberston on November 3, 1930. Jean was born October 20, 1905, in Perth, Scotland. Cecil died February 15, 1975, and Jean died August 25, 1985. Both are buried in the Namao cemetery.

Their children:

Eugene Griffith Fowler, born March 6, 1931 — Edmonton, Alberta. Not married now.

Susanne Maureen Fowler, born March 30, 1960 — Edmonton, Alberta.

Murray Scott Fowler, born March 30, 1962 — Edmonton, Alberta.

Donna Bell Fowler, born August 9, 1932 — Edmonton, Alberta. She was married November 11, 1960 to Kenneth Ivan Steele, born April 19, 1932 — Edmonton, Alberta.

Their children are Randy Kenneth Steele, born May 27, 1961 — Edmonton, Alberta, and Gail Elaine Steele, born May 17, 1967 — Edmonton, Alberta.

Loma Grace Fowler, born May 7, 1937, in Edmonton, Alberta. She married Kenneth Alvin David McLay on September 3, 1959.

Kenneth was born November 4, 1935, in Athabasca, Alberta. He died February 4, 1969, in Victoria, B.C. and was buried in Edmonton.

Children: Roddney David McLay, born August 3, 1961, in Edmonton, Alberta.

Phillip Wilson Fowler born July 25, 1951. He married Lois June McLay, of Namao, Alberta, on September 24, 1966. Lois was born June 6, 1944.

Children: Karen June Fowler, was born November 18, 1970, in Edmonton, Alberta.

Carole Lynne Fowler was born April 23, 1973, in Edmonton, Alberta.

Lorne Everette Fowler was born January 21, 1948. He married Dianne Louise Lomnes on August 22, 1970.

Children: Terra Louise Fowler was born October 10, 1974, in Red Deer, Alberta.

Brian Lynn Fowler was born June 21, 1947, in Edmonton, Alberta. He married Dianne Marie Patterson on August 25, 1973. Dianne was born on August 12, 1950, in Grand Prairie, Alberta.

Children: Troy Brian Fowler, born January 19, 1977, in Edmonton; Chad Lyndon Fowler, born September 29, 1980, in Edmonton.

GABBEY, Glen Robert

written by Betty Gabbey, October 1990

Glen Robert Gabbey, the youngest child of Robert and Reine Gabbey, was born in March of 1930 in the Sunnyside district. He moved with his parents in 1945 to a farm near Namao which was originally bought by his great-grandfather Craig, and where his mother, Reine, was raised and married. After moving, he continued his education at Namao School.

Robert Gabbey, his father, passed away in February of 1952. Glen continued to farm and look after his mother for approximately five years. Reine Gabbey retired from the farm and moved to Edmonton in 1957. She continued to live there until her death in February of 1988.



Standing, L-R: Glen and Paul. Sitting, L-R: Betty and Pam. Family Photo taken on the farm, Aug., 1989.

From an early age, Glen showed a keen interest and curiosity in "what makes the wheels go around" in mechanical implements of all sorts. In 1959 he proceeded to purchase a used school bus and repaired, painted and restored it to A-1 condition. Thus began his bussing career with the Sturgeon School Division while he continued farming as well.

In July of 1961 he married Betty Tews, who was born and raised on a farm near Leduc, Alberta. They were blessed with two children, Paul, born in May of 1962; and Pamela, born in October of 1966.

Paul attended school at Namao and Sturgeon Composite High School. He also studied for two years at NAIT, taking Mechanical Industrial Engineering. He worked for the Alberta Research Council for one year before deciding to go into farming full-time with his dad. They launched out in acquiring more land and also two additional school buses. Thus they formed a partnership in 1987.

Paul married Annette Littmann in March of 1990 and they are living on the home place. Annette is presently working as a computer analyst for the office of the Attorney General in Edmonton.

Pamela attended school at Namao and graduated from Sturgeon Composite High School in 1984. She then studied at NAIT, taking Medical Transcription, and has been working in the field



Paul and Annette Gabbey Wedding, March 17, 1990.

of Neurology since graduation. She currently resides in Edmonton but always looks forward to going back home and spending time on the farm.

Glen and Betty built a new home on the north-east corner of the home quarter and continue to farm, together with the help of Paul and Annette, the land which has been in the family for five generations. Pamela still enjoys the farm and is a frequent visitor.

GABBEY, Robert and Reine

Robert — 1882-1952

Reine (Bell) — 1892-1987

Robert and Reine raised their three sons: Harold, Bill, and Glen, and a daughter, Eileen, who are still residing in neighboring communities.

Harold married Vi Hellard on June 6, 1941, and they are still residing on his parents' original farm in the Sunnyside district. Their eldest daughter, Barbara, married Dan Harper and they are presently farming with Barbara's parents. They have three daughters: Cindy, Terri and Robin. Cindy married David Fraser and they have two chil-



Bob and Reine Gabbey moving to farm at Sunnyside after their wedding June 27th, 1917. Reine in buggy behind Bob in wagon. Present home of Harold and Vi.

dren, Kyla and Travis, and are living in Gibbons. Terri married John Sajiw and resides in Edmonton. Robin, the youngest, is now living in Calgary. Harold and Vi's other daughter, Bonnie, married Terry Hankinson and they are presently living in Edmonton. Bonnie has one son, Stephane, and two step-children, Leslie and Jennifer.

Eileen married Norman Stirton on May 21, 1941, and farmed in the Gibbons area for many years. After Norman's death in 1981, Eileen moved into Gibbons, where she presently resides. They had three children: Robert (Bob), Betty and Norma. Bob passed away in 1975 at the age of 30. Betty married Blaine Schick and had two children, Darla and Dean. Betty passed away in 1984 at the age of 37. Blaine and family live in Edmonton. Norma married Lockey Christie and they live on the original Stirton farm. They have three children: Terra, Lisa and Bradley.

Bill married Alberta (Bert) McCrimmon on June 27, 1951. They farmed in the Thorhild district for many years and have recently sold their farm and retired in Gibbons. They have five children: Dale, Susan, Robert, Colleen and Debbie.



Bob and Reine Gabbey (House in Sunnyside).



Standing, L-R: Glen, Bill, Eileen and Harold. Sitting: Reine Gabbey

Dale and Michelle have two children: Christine and William. They live in Thorhild. Susan married Dennis Makarowski and they have four children: Robbie, Karen, Lori and Cory. Robbie passed away in June 1986. They are presently living in Gibbons. Robert (Bob) and Lorrie live in Clyde and have three children. Bob has one son, Ryan, and two step-children, Michael and Kari. Colleen married Rick Willis. They have two sons, Levi and Brent, and are living in Redwater. Debbie married Brian Perlitz and lives in Langley, B.C. Debbie has three step-children: Barbara, Connie and Debbie.

Glen married Betty Tews of July 8, 1961. Glen and Betty are presently farming on his grandparents' land (Harry and Susan Bell) in Carbondale. They have owned and operated school buses for many years in the Namao area. They have two children, Paul and Pamela. Paul and his wife, Annette, are in partnership with his parents. Pamela is living in St. Albert.

GERVAIS, Medric and Family

by daughter Doris Carleton

Our family moved to Namao from Cardiff in the summer of 1934. There were three children at this time; my brothers Leon, eight years old, Donald, six, and I was three.

My father had been working in the mines there, walking the five miles back and forth on weekends. This arrangement did not contribute much to our family, so they moved our small house and set it on coal mine property about three miles west of Namao.

Wherever we lived we had a garden. Sometimes Dad would borrow a horse and walking plough, work up a piece of sod, and have a garden the

same year. Most of the time he spaded it by hand. I loved to help plant and it was a surprise to learn in later years that seeds would grow no matter where you dropped them. In my father's garden you planted them carefully in very straight rows. The corn and cucumbers were planted in hills about two feet apart with five seeds in each hill: one for the squirrel, one for the crow, one for the cut worm and two to grow. We always had a beautiful garden and weeds wouldn't dare show their heads.

Dad's energy seemed endless, because in addition to his work in the mine and the large garden, we kept a cow and chickens for our own use. When things were slow in the mines, he would work for the nearby farmers, seeding, stooking, and threshing.

He took time to make poplar branch whistles and bows and arrows for us kids, and we went on long berry picking expeditions that were a nature study lesson. We learned to identify birds and imitate their calls. Dad usually carried the full pails home while we played. Mom would make jam and can the fruit we had picked, and our reward would be a piece of homemade bread and some fresh berries and cream.

In 1942, we rented a piece of land just above the railroad trestle from Finley McDonell. Dad built a house, and here we had room for more cows and chickens, a larger garden, and a raspberry patch.

Dad would sometimes go and visit Mr. McDonell and cut his hair on the veranda of the big house. Although he had no training, our home became somewhat of a barber shop. Many of our friends and neighbors stopped by for a "trim" or a shave, which he did with a very dangerous-looking straight razor.

Four more girls were added to our family: Celia in 1939, Anita, who died an infant in 1943, Gail in 1946 and Ann in 1947.

Mom and Dad bought a house in Edmonton in 1957. Even after retiring, Dad had something planted in every corner of his city lot. He walked at least three miles a day.

My brother, Donald, died in 1967 in an unfortunate caterpillar accident near Valleyview, where he and his family had moved the year before. Their eldest son, Larry, died the following year. Delma and most of the other children still live in the area.

Leon has been working for Canada Packers since 1971. He now manages the turkey farm at Gibbons. He lost his wife to cancer in 1985.

Celia remarried in 1988. She and husband Bob

Conley, live in Spruce Grove, with most of her five children nearby.

Gail has two girls, Melanie and Sally. Her husband Andy Konkin, died in an auto accident in 1980 near Nelson, B.C. Gail lives on an acreage near Ardrossan.

Ann attended Winnifred Stuart School, and Edmonton public school, then spent seven years at the Training Centre on St. Albert Trail. She has been working for the Alberta Government since 1979. She married Louis Trembly in 1980, and they live in Edmonton.

Dad passed away in January 1980, at the age of 81, after a short illness. Mom lived in Edmonton for some time, then with Gail. She moved into Spruce View Manor in Gibbons in 1988. That year she celebrated her 80th birthday and keeps herself busy doing quilts and afghans for the great-grandchildren. At this date she has 26 grandchildren and 45 great-grandchildren.

Bill and I live on the Carleton family farm near Bon Accord, where our eldest son, Tom, and wife Micky, farm with us. They have three children: Tara, Amanda and Adam.

Kirk lives in Red Deer where he works for Airspray. He has two children, Evan and Trisha.

Penny, her husband, Tom Frazier, and son Clint, live in Gibbons. Penny is involved in a children's clothing company.

Chris and wife Bonnie, moved to Hamilton in 1989. They have two sons, B.J. and Coleman. Chris is attending McMaster University on a teaching assistantship.

GIBSON, Frank and Family

by Cyrus and Ruby Gibson

James Gibson, my grandfather of Irish descent, was born in 1835, likely in Ireland. He married Catherine Fawcett of Collingwood, Ontario. They engaged in farming at Thornbury, in the County of Grey, before they ventured west to this area of Alberta. They had six children: Thomas Henry, Maria, Franklin, Caroline, John and James, all born at Thornbury, Ontario. Around 1892, they came to the Sturgeon River area of the North West Territories where my grandfather, James, took a homestead on the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 16-55-24-W4, Bon Accord area, and this is where the younger children grew into adulthood. I can recall my father, Franklin, saying that they came west on the train, likely in what was then known as Settlers' cars, bringing along most of their household effects. They brought no machinery or

animals. When they arrived at the station in Strathcona, they found that the ferry was not operating. They crossed to the north side of the Saskatchewan River in a basket at Walter's Landing, now 105 Street Bridge area in Edmonton. Moving from the well-settled area of Ontario to the vast open and bushed areas of western Canada must have been quite a change for them.

Uncle Tom married Agnes Matilda (Tillie) Kriedel and lived in the Excelsior area northeast of St. Albert. Aunt Maria married Andrew Wilson and lived in Edmonton. My father, Franklin (Frank), married Annie Morris Chrystal, a widow with one son, Morris, who had been born in Montreal in 1907. They were married in Edmonton.

Aunt Caroline married William Wingrove, who, I can recall, lived in the Clyde area of Alberta. Uncle John, who married Maud Pearl Horton, settled on property north of the present day Namao Cemetery along Highway 37. Uncle James married Georgina Stubbs in 1911. When widowed in 1940, he remained thus until 1959, when he married Hazel Mortenson. They had no children.

My father, Frank, and Uncle James bought property on River Lots 63 and 64 around 1895. My parents lived on the northern portion of these two river lots for their remaining years. James who lived where the Norcen Plant now stands at the end of Bellerose Drive, moved from the St. Albert area around 1940, and lived at Clyde for a period of time before moving to Edmonton.

Father and Mother lived on the farm and engaged in mixed farming for quite a few years. Frank, in his earlier farming years in the St. Al-



Frank and Annie Gibson.

bert area, owned some show horses. I have a ribbon which he won in 1906 at the Horse Show held in conjunction with the First Provincial Exhibition at Edmonton, for a prize Clyde mare that he had entered in the show. This same mare later had two colts which he used on the farm.

My father lived to the age of 92, and passed away while still a resident of the property here at St. Albert, on November 11, 1962. My mother, Annie, who had been born in Cardiff, Wales, died here also on June 18, 1937 at the age of 57. They, as well as most of the Gibson children of their generation, are buried in the Namao Cemetery along Highway 37.

Morris, my brother who had been born in Montreal, had lost his father in a railway accident prior to his and his mother's migration west. He married Kathleen Flynn of St. Albert. He attended the Guilbault School throughout his school years, and left home to work in Edmonton at an early age. He served in the RCAF during World War II and upon his release after the war, made his home in Edmonton until he passed away on November 4, 1983. He was a mechanic.

Nancy, my sister born in 1915, lived here on the farm, attending school at Guilbault, and took over the household chores after my mother passed away in 1937. She married Joseph Albas of Lac La Biche in 1942 and moved there to raise her family of eight children: Maurice, Daniel, Frank, Josephine, Andrew, Charles, Violet and Philip, all of whom are now grown up. Nancy died at the early age of 39 in 1954, and Joseph married a second time to Marie Anne Privé, who helped him raise the family that Nancy had left behind.

I, Cyrus, born in 1918, married Ruby Letendre of Calahoo in 1944. Ruby had two daughters, Yvonne and Ramona. Yvonne married Herb Bobke and they have three children: Randy, Rod and Laureen. Ramona married Norman Callihoo and they had four children: Debbie, Derek, Cindy and Kim. Norman was killed in an accident and Ramona is now remarried to Roy Callihoo. Ruby and I have raised one son, Philip John, who has remained here with us on the farm.

Philip attended school in St. Albert at Mission Park and then St. Albert High School. Phil went to work in the oil field and, when not there, he farmed. Phil also did seasonal work; one such job was at the Star-Key Coal Mine, where he worked until it was sold. I had also worked at the mine in the early days. Howard Samis painted a painting of the mine, which Phil has in his house. Phil was usually home to help with seeding in the



Ruby and Cyrus Gibson.

spring, and the harvest in the fall. Phil and I now farm together. We used to have pigs, and people would stop along the roadside to see the calves and baby pigs in the spring.

Philip married Lorna Dianne Potter on June 6, 1970. Dianne is the daughter of Donald and Laura Potter of Sunnyside. Phil and Dianne lived in a mobile home in the yard. Dianne had attended school at Namao and went through all three schools there. She graduated from Namao in 1966 and then attended Victoria Composite High School in Edmonton where she graduated in 1967.

Phil and Dianne have one son, Bradley Philip, born on June 11, 1971, which is also his mother's birthday. Phil was also born on my birthday, followed the next day by his mother's.

Bradley attended nursery school to grade 9 at Namao, and played hockey at CFB Edmonton, Lancaster Park, and later, Morinville. He also



Phil and Dianne Gibson.

played baseball in Namao and later helped coach. He attended Sturgeon Composite High School for Grades 10 through 12, posting an honors average each year, and received the Alexander Rutherford Scholarship for this accomplishment. He was also the vice-president of his graduating class and helped to organize his graduation.

Phil played hockey in Namao and now enjoys watching it. He and Dianne have season tickets for the Edmonton Oilers games, and have had them for the team's entire involvement in the NHL.

Through Brad's years at school, Dianne volunteered many hours at the school, helping in the library and overseeing "Hot Water Days". Dianne has also served on the Namao School and Community League and the Namao Community Agricultural Society. In July 1985, Phil, Dianne, and Brad moved into a new home which is just south of our house. They have purchased and raise purebred horned Hereford cattle. In addition to helping me farm grain and raise commercial cattle, Phil also operates Star-Key Herefords.

Brad is currently attending the University of Alberta, in the Faculty of Arts, studying history. He plans to be a Social Studies and English teacher.

All three generations live on our farm, the northern portions of River Lots 63 and 64, and a portion of the NW ¼ 25-54-25-W4, which was previously CPR land.

Some of my recollections of younger days include thoughts of the first car we owned, a Baby Grand Touring car, which forever seemed to have a flat tire. The tires were 3½ x 30. We later owned an Auburn car.

Horses were our farming power for many years, but since Dad owned few horses, we sometimes had Mr. Belcourt come with his plough and

five horses to assist with the field work in the spring. Around 1937, my dad purchased one of the first tractors used in the area, a John Deere Model D. He was cautioned at the time by a neighboring farmer that this was not a good idea, but we proved it to be worthwhile.

We have had good and bad years on the farm and presently are farming quite well. We have built up a herd of cattle and have been able to raise good crops on our land, which is now mostly under cultivation. I can recall when some of it was fairly heavily wooded.

During World War II, I was called to join the services and was in the army, but only for a short period, as my father was getting on in years and I was needed to help with the farming so I was released on those grounds.

Some of my school chums at Guilbault were from the neighboring farms: Latimers, Ryans, Arcands, Belleroses, Bellisles and Flynns. Our family was one of the three non-catholic families whose children attended Guilbault School. Neither religion nor race made any difference to us, except that we had a school day one half hour shorter than the catholic children, who had to take catechism classes. Being all farm families, we all had our early morning chores to do before setting out on foot to walk to school. Some only had a half mile to walk, but we had two miles to go. I used to have to bucksaw the day's supply of wood each morning before I left for school and I had to haul it into the wood box which stood beside the range. Water had to be brought in from the barrels. Dad hauled water from the river in the summer, and water for the house in winter was from melted snow. Evening chores consisted of helping father with the stock, feeding and cleaning out stables.

All in all, it has been a very busy time earning a living on the farm, with holidays few and far between until in recent years, when we have been able to venture into various parts of Alberta and British Columbia and also to the U.S. on some well-earned vacations.

GIBSON, Keith and Gladys

written by Gladys

Keith's sudden and unexpected death on March 22, 1965, left me with four of five children at home, the youngest of which was one year old. Our home was the brick house which had been the home of Keith's parents, Maude and John Gibson, and was situated one mile west and one half



Brad Gibson



Gladys and Keith Gibson, 1963.

mile north of Namao. To move away from the farm and community we loved was unthinkable to all of us, but to carry on with the many chores we had at the time seemed like a monumental task.

Keith had been building up a herd of Holsteins. We had milk cows, feeder cattle, hogs and chickens, a truly mixed farming operation, as were most farms at that time. Karen, our oldest daughter, who was seventeen years old, had just completed a business course at McTavish Business College and obtained a job with Crown Life Insurance Co. This left our oldest son, John, fourteen, and me to carry on with the chores. We could not have managed were it not for kind neighbors, my supportive parents, Florence and Tom Atkinson, and my faithful brother-in-law, Bill Gibson, who came night and morning for almost a year to help with the milking. Bill hauled our cattle and hogs to market when ready, and farmed our land for many years. He was always there when we needed help.

We had some great experiences as we tried to carry on the farming operation. One year, in early spring, we bought five calves which we hoped to feed and sell in the fall. We had plenty of feed for them, but faraway fields looked greener, and try as we might, we couldn't keep them behind our not-too-sturdy fences. Every morning the phone rang with one neighbor or another telling us our calves were there. (How to meet your neighbors on a daily basis!). About August, one calf squeezed its way into a granary which contained a small amount of barley, only to gorge itself on the grain. We summoned a vet, who operated without success. By September, the rest looked pretty good, when we discovered the fattest and best looking Hereford had succumbed to what we thought was Blackleg. We did manage to sell the remaining three, but the profit we hoped for when starting this venture had vanished. Life had many ups and downs, but we did learn to work together

as a family. Throughout the years, 4-H clubs and various church and community activities provided a pleasant relief from our daily tasks.

We carried on this farming business for four years while John attended Victoria Composite High School. Upon completion, he entered NAIT to learn machining. Studying was difficult with so many chores, morning and night, so we decided to sell the animals and machinery.

It was now 1971, and Gregory, the youngest, was old enough to go to school, so I went to work in the office of Canadian Laboratory Supplies, now known as Baxter Corp., where I am still employed.



Back Row: John and Lynne. Front Row: Kelly and Trevor.

John successfully obtained his machinist ticket, and a few years later, his millwright ticket. In 1971 he married Lynne Kroening of Bruderheim. They have a son, Trevor, born in 1975, and an adopted son, Kelly, born in 1980. They built a home on the N.E. corner of the home quarter. John has coached hockey for many years, and Lynne's musical abilities led her to become involved in the formation of a popular dance band, called Night Shift.

Karen married Leo Tachuk of Edmonton in 1972. They reside in Sherwood Park with their three sons: Keith, Matthew and Andrew, born in 1974, 1976 and 1978, respectively. Leo has his own electronic engineering business, Trison Instruments. The products he has developed include a program controller used in school and hospitals, runway lighting control apparatus for airports, and alarm monitoring equipment for telephone companies. He holds a patent for a device he developed to improve telephone party lines.



Back Row: Leo Tachuk, Karen Tachuk (nee Gibson) and Keith.
Front Row: Matthew and Andy.



Family of Gladys and Keith Gibson, August, 1990. Standing,
L-R: Audrey, John, Betty, Greg and Karen. Sitting: Gladys.

Audrey, who has always been a great helper on the farm, was a gold medal graduate from the U. of A. in 1976, obtaining degrees in Education and Phys. Ed. She taught school at Balwin Jr. High in Edmonton for eleven years, and coached five city championship basketball teams while there. She presently teaches at Eastglen Composite High School and lives in Edmonton.

Betty completed high school and worked for the Provincial Government before going to Vancouver and Campbell River. She met Russell Tataryn of Kitimat, a heavy duty machanic, and they were married in 1982. They have two sons, Aaron, born in 1983, and Lee, born in 1988. They reside in St. Albert.

Gregory, who has always had an interest in



L-R: Russell Tataryn, Lee, Aaron and Betty Tataryn (nee Gibson).

sports and a fondness for children, graduated with a degree in Education with a Phys. Ed. major, and is presently teaching at Landing Trail School in Gibbons.

On looking back over the past twenty-five years, we are truly thankful for the many blessings that have been ours.

GIBSON, Thomas and Family

Allan Levi Gibson was born July 26, 1893, north of the Sturgeon River in the Namao area, the son of Tom and Tilly Gibson. He took over his father's farm and remained in the Excelsior district until 1944. At present, he resides in the



Snapshot of Gibson Family about 1905/06. Gibson Family on a Picnic. L-R: Mrs. Tillie (Tom) Gibson, Mr. John Gibson, Mr. Tom Gibson, Edna Gibson.



Snapshot of Excelsior Church about 1932. Ella Gibson, Andy McLaughlin, Margaret Law, Katie Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Law, Edith Grant, Eldon Carruthers, Mrs. Annie Carruthers, Gladys Carruthers, Margaret and Mrs. McLaughlin, Mary McLaughlin, Bella Carruthers, Les Drinkwater, Mervin Carruthers, Alex Carruthers, Alex McLaughlin, Frank Davis are among those recognized.

Good Samaritan Mount Pleasant Nursing Home in Edmonton. He enjoys drives into the countryside to check on farming conditions, for he holds many memories of the Namao and Bon Accord area.

His wife of 56 years, Ella (nee Mulligan), passed away in August 1979, and is buried at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Edmonton.

Daughter Jean, and her husband, Robert Lang, enjoy the family activities which take precedent to her part time nursing at University Hospital. The Lang family consists of three: two boys and one girl.

Neil Allan Lang is a graduate in Computing Science from the University of Alberta, and now teaches at NAIT. Neil and Gay have a son, Dorian Allan, and a daughter, Jana.



Allan Gibson, on his 96th Birthday, chats with grandsons, Neil and Ken Lang

Kenneth Robert Lang is also a graduate in Computing Science and is employed with AGT. Ken and Sonya, and children Shayna, Tara, and Kyle Levi live in Calgary.

Shauna Joanne is a graduate of Grant McEwan College with a Rehabilitation Practitioner Diploma and has worked eight years for Catholic Social Services. She and her husband, Robert Byar, are enjoying their new son, Robert Scott whose great-grandfather is supplied with pictures for his wall.

Allan's uncle, James Gibson Jr., the youngest son of the original James Gibson family who settled in the Namao area in 1892, died February 19, 1971 at 92 years, and is buried at Beechmont Cemetery. There was no family.

GIBSON, William and Doris

William Gibson, son of John and Maud Gibson, was born in Edmonton on June 21, 1908 and brought to the family home in Namao. Bill received his education at the Namao School and in 1927 entered the Olds Agricultural College at Olds, Alberta.

Bill purchased the quarter section just north of the family farm, completing the breaking with horse drawn brush cutter and breaking plow, pulled by a model 1530 International tractor. Bill married Doris Oliver of New Lunnon on January 8, 1934 and they moved into the house he had built in November 1933.

Doris was born in England May 4, 1909, while her parents were on holiday there. She lived on a farm at New Lunnon, southwest of Gibbons. Doris attended New Lunnon School for Grades 1 to 9, Victoria High School for Grades 10 and 11, and Grade 12 at Eastwood. After graduating from high school, she received her teaching certificate at the Camrose Normal School.

Doris began teaching at the age of 19 in one room country schools, first at Noyes Crossing, then at Perryvale and Parkhurst, near Athabasca, enjoying the freedom and mobility of owning her own car, a Model A Ford that she purchased in 1931.

Bill and Doris operated the family farm with Bill's trucking business, hauling grain, gravel, coal from local mines and, in winter, river ice for ice wells, followed by his operation of a school bus from 1951 to 1974. Doris resumed her teaching career in 1954, retiring from teaching in 1971.

They have four children: Doreen, Gail, Gary and Dennis.

Doreen married Clement Lamoureux of Gibbons, where they now live. They have five children and six grandchildren.

Gail married Tom Sale and lives in London, Ontario. She has three daughters and one grandson.

Gary married Betty Frey of Edmonton and they now live on the home quarter. They have two children, Deborah and Michael.

Dennis lives in Edmonton.

Doris passed away on May 26, 1989. Bill, retired in 1985, still resides in the home he built in 1933.

Bill died February 1991.

GILLIS, David and Eva

David and Eva Gillis were born, raised and married in Sydney, Nova Scotia. David, the eldest of six boys, is the son of Wilfred and Kay (MacAulay) Gillis. He graduated in 1960 from Mt. Allison University, Sackville, New Brunswick with a Bachelor of Commerce degree. Eva has four brothers and four sisters and is the daughter of Roy and Frances (Soper) Peddle. She graduated with a teaching diploma from Normal School, Truro, Nova Scotia in 1959.

On June 30, 1964, the day following their wedding, they left the Isle of Cape Breton for Vancouver, B.C., where David was to work as an auditor for Canada Packers, and where Eva subsequently was employed with the North Vancouver School Board, teaching Grade 1.

It was during their three years in B.C. that their first daughter, Heather Kathleen, was born on November 17, 1965.

In June 1967, the Gillises were transferred to the Canada Packers plant in Edmonton. They lived in the Londonderry community for 10 years. David has been employed with Dr. Hanson and Associates since 1973, while Eva has been employed with the St. Albert School District No. 3 since 1967. In May 1981, Eva graduated from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Education in Special Education. On a cold, frosty morning of January 4, 1971, Brenda Margaret arrived to complete their family.

In 1976, the lure of country living enticed the Gillises to sell their home in Londonderry and to build on three acres of land in Phase 2 of Namao Ridge, where they still reside.

GRANT, James Family

After James Grant's passing in 1964, Mrs. Emma Grant continued living in their Edmonton

home until 1968. Her daughter, Edith McLaughlin, moved into Edmonton that year with her two sons, Robert and Ronald. Mrs. Grant then went to live with Edith and family for a few years, until she suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized. Subsequently, her failing health forced her to reside in a nursing home. She passed away at the Norwood Extended Care Centre in 1977.

Both of Edith's sons completed high school in Edmonton: Robert at Victoria Composite in 1969, and Ronald at M. E. LaZerte in 1974. Edith and sons later went into the laundry and drycleaning business, first at Kingsway Garden Mall, and then at Park Plaza Shopping Centre, where they are at present. In October 1975, Robert was married to Brenda Pekar, then of the Poplar Lake — Horse Hill School area. Brenda also started her teaching career at Gibbons that fall. They now have two sons, Steven and Jeffrey.

Since his parents' retirement to Edmonton in 1953, Doran, along with his wife, Dorothy, continued operating the family farm. Their son, Gerry, completed junior high at Namao School, then went to Georges P. Vanier High School in Morinville, graduating from there in 1971. After graduation, he stayed on the farm, working with his father. He has also worked during the winter months for a number of years at the Morinville Seed Cleaning Plant. Doran Grant passed away on April 1, 1989. Gerry is now following in his father's footsteps in operating the family farm as a third generation farmer. His mother is still residing on the farm.

GUILBAULT Family

by Jean Guilbault

Arthur Guilbault and Marie Elisa Maxwell were married in 1890 at St. Damien, Berthier, Quebec. In 1893 they travelled west with their small daughter, Anna, and settled on a homestead four miles northeast of St. Albert, SW 27-54-25-W4. They built a long shack with a sod roof which was their home for several years. By 1896, two sons, Alphonse and Henri, were born and baptized in St. Albert. In 1898, the family moved to Riviere Qui Barre where Arthur was employed by the Government as a farm instructor on nearby Indian Reserves. In Quebec, Arthur had attended an Agricultural College, so he had some agriculture and veterinary experience to qualify him for the position. He earned high wages of \$10.00 a day and was provided with a house to live in, a team of horses and expenses paid. One son, George, was born and baptized at Riviere Qui Barre.



Arthur and Elisa Guilbault, 1890.

By 1901, the Guilbault family moved back to the St. Albert homestead where a daughter, Cecile, was born. Before their next child was born, a new frame house was built. Five more sons were born and baptized up to 1910: Arthur, Alcide, Jean, Andre and Severin. With a family of ten children and five of school age, education was of prime importance and the closest school, Boulais, Boula, was located four miles away in the M.D. of Volmer, which also had the closest Post Office at the time. Arthur Guilbault was concerned that his children would miss too much school and, after much dispute with the Department of Education, a new school was built three quarters of a mile from the Guilbault homestead on the southeast corner, in 1913. The school was called Guilbault School District 2885 in the M.D. of Ray, and Arthur was the senior school trustee for a couple of years.

During their homesteading years the family sold cattle, hogs, chickens, turkeys, eggs, butter, cream, milk and vegetables. Saturday was Elisa's day off from household chores, and the children and she would deliver smaller goods by horse and buggy to the Farmer's Market in Edmonton. This

was one of the luxuries she missed when they moved to Flat Lake. From 1908 to 1912, Arthur was a Sergeant Major in the 49th Dragoon Calgary Reserve in Calgary, and every year would participate for two weeks in military training. He had some training before coming west.

Some of the neighbors who resided in the St. Albert area before 1916 were: Terrault, Bellisle, Bokenfohr, Iseke, Vollmer, Voppel, Lafleur, Lafond and Sevigny. In the first election after the creation of the Province of Alberta in November 1905, a number of Liberal hopefuls wanted to carry the party banner to the provincial legislature. Arthur Guilbault was one of four candidates to present themselves during the campaign, but he eventually withdrew his name.



Family of George Guilbault. L-R: Agnes (wife), Evelyn (daughter), Hector (son), Rene (son), Albert (son), and Louis (son). Picture taken in 1978.

In 1915, Arthur and Elisa needed more than one quarter of land to provide for their family and moved to the Flat Lake area near St. Paul. They traded their one quarter at St. Albert for three quarters at Flat Lake from a man called MacFayden. Arthur Guilbault farmed until 1936 when he and Elisa moved to St. Paul. He died in 1939. Most of the family settled in the St. Paul area. Three of the Guilbault sons served overseas, Alphonse and Henri in the first World War and Andre in World War Two. Anna, the eldest child, married Phileas Bellerive in 1911, St. Albert, and later moved to the St. Lina area. They had five sons and one daughter. Alphonse was a bachelor until late in life and farmed near Mallaig, Alberta. Henri, my father-in-law, lived in the St. Lina area and married Helen Wright. They had one son, Kenneth, and three daughters: Irene, Bernice and Kathleen. Ken married Jean Parks, and they raised a daughter, Lynn, and a son Keith. The family lived



Evelyn and Jack Lysenko (daughter of George Guilbault). Taken in Feb., 1972 on Upper Viscount residence.

in northwest Edmonton (Athlone) for thirty years when Ken retired from the Edmonton Fire Department. Ken and Jean now live west of Lake Eden. Irene married Andre LaPointe and taught for many years in St. Albert. Irene taught some elementary but mostly high school until her death in August 1980. Irene had three daughters and one son. George, Evelyn Lysenko's father, farmed in the Mallaig area and married Agnes Steele. They had one daughter, Evelyn, and four sons: Hector, Rene, Louis and Albert. Evelyn now lives in the Lower Viscount area and has for the last twenty years. She has been married to Jack Lysenko for forty-five years. They have three sons: Ron, Ken and Mel. Mel attended Sturgeon Heights and Sturgeon Composite High School. Cecile, the second daughter, passed away at 12 years of age and is buried in St. Albert. Arthur farmed at Therien and



Mel Lysenko

married Alice Durocher. They raised a family of four sons and three daughters and retired in Kelowna, B.C. Alcide and Jean both died in separate logging accidents in B.C., at the age of 24. Andre moved to North Bay, Ontario, after returning from overseas, and he never married. Severin farmed in Flat Lake, Red Deer and Eckville before retiring to Westbank, B.C. His second marriage to Hildegard Wils produced three sons and five daughters. Severin is the only member of the Guilbault family still living and enjoying a bachelor life.

GWILLIAM, David J. M.

Doris, wife of David J. M. Gwilliam, passed away in 1976. George, their son, passed away in 1980 at the age of 66 years. George's wife, Olive (Shorty) still lives in their home in Edmonton. George and Shorty's four children, Lynne, David, Robert and Wendy all reside in the Edmonton and Namao area.

Lynne and Joe Zenko live in Edmonton. Joe is employed with the Alberta Government as a pilot. They have three children: Kim, Mark and Joann.

Kim married Kathy Trenholm. They have two children: a son, Benjamin, and a daughter, Kyla. Kim is also a pilot, presently with Eco Bay Mines.

Mark lives in Edmonton, where he is a mechanical engineer.

Joann married Jock Bray and lives in Vancouver. They have three children: Mieka, Jesse, and Jordan.

Dave and Jean Gwilliam live in Carbondale. Dave and Jean farmed with Jean's father, Niels Nielsen, on the potato farm for a number of years before Dave went into aviation. Dave is employed with Time Air as a pilot. Jean has been with the Sturgeon School Division since 1963 as a clerical worker at Namao School. Kyle, their son, married Barbara Elechko, and they live in Calgary. Kyle also went into aviation and is employed with Time Air as a pilot.

Robert and Carol live in Edmonton, where Robert operates his own sewing machine repair business. Their son, Robert, lives in Vancouver, where he is a manager for White Spot restaurants.

John lives and works in Edmonton.

Janice married Kevin Wickham and they have a daughter, Stephine.

Wendy married Bill Mott and lives in Edmonton. Bill works for Ackland Industries, where he has been employed as a sales representative for several years. They have two boys, Allen and Christopher, who are both in school.

HARDMAN, Julian and Phyllis Louise

by Phyllis

Julian's parents, Arthur and Lilian (Greenhalgh) Hardman came from Bury near Manchester, England, by way of Chicago in October 1915. They planned to travel through to Vancouver, but got off the train at Onoway, liked what they saw, and stayed. After spending the winter in a tent, they purchased land one mile north of Highway 16, south of Darwell, and put down roots in Alberta. Arthur had trained as an architect's draftsman in England. He worked for Rule, Wynn and Rule in Edmonton and later for the Provincial Government. One of the buildings he helped design is the Masonic Temple. Arthur died in 1953, and Lilian in 1968. Julian, born in 1929, is the youngest of their four children.

At the age of 14, Julian went to work at the Wabamun coal mine. It was all underground work then, unlike the strip-mining done with huge machines today. In winter he supplemented his income with trapping and commercial fishing. At 18 he became a licensed livestock dealer. In 1947 he and his brother built a house on land they purchased across the road from their parents. Like so much of the land in that area, it has since been bought by Trans-Alta Utilities for coal mining.

My father, Gordon Ambrose, was born in Slapton, Devonshire, England. He was apprenticing there as an engineer in 1903, when he saw an advertisement in a British newspaper which said something like this: "Farm help needed at Didsbury, Rupertsland, Canada." To a nineteen-year-old this seemed like the chance for adventure. No matter that he knew nothing whatever about farming! He would learn. After working several years on the Hosegood farm at Didsbury he went to work for the railroad laying track west of Edmonton. In 1908 he filed on a homestead in the Lake Isle district. With a team of balky horses purchased from his former employer and all his belongings in a two wheeled cart, he drove from Didsbury through Edmonton and the Namao area, and west through Onoway, to his one room log cabin on a hill overlooking Grass Creek. The horses did not share his enthusiasm for their new home and one actually found its way back to Didsbury. In 1914, Gordon joined the Canadian Army and served in Belgium and France. Returning to Devonshire, he married Mary Louise Horne in 1919 and returned with her to Lake Isle. Over the years they built a larger house, acquired more land and nine children of which I am seventh. Gordon

Ambrose died in 1974, Mary Louise in 1981. My brothers still farm the land our parents homesteaded.

I was born in Onoway Hospital in 1932. One of my earliest recollections is that of riding in the wagon to an auction sale for our neighbours, the Burtons, who had bought a store in Bon Accord. We had no idea where Bon Accord was, only that it was a very long way from Lake Isle. We all attended Hilltop, a one-room school two and a half miles from our home, enjoyed ball games, skating parties, Christmas concerts and dances, and all the things country kids did in the forties, including snaring fish out of season in the Sturgeon River each spring!

For students in our area pursuing a high school education was somewhat of a challenge. For my girlfriend and me it meant going to Edmonton as there was no high school in our district. At the time we didn't think of it as an inconvenience; only as an adventure. We worked for ten dollars a month and room and board, babysitting, washing, ironing and doing other general household chores before and after school. I'm sure it was an equal challenge for the families we lived with having youngsters from the country in their midst. I recall our taking a shortcut home from downtown by walking through the ravine. This seemed perfectly logical to my girlfriend and me but horrified my employer. Thereafter, we walked the extra six blocks around like sensible young ladies.

After graduating from University High School, I was offered a three hundred dollar provincial bursary to enroll in the Faculty of Education. I did my student teaching at Volmer, and boarded with the Terrault family. The teacher, Mrs. Miciak, lived in the teacherage which was attached to the back of the school. R.J. Scott was the superintendent of Sturgeon School Division at that time. My first teaching job was at Blue Hill, a one-room school, Grades 1 through 9, near Flatbush in Westlock School Division. The pay was one hundred forty dollars a month plus twenty dollars isolation bonus. Discipline was not a problem as the students were eager to learn and the parents were wonderful.

Julian and I met while I was working at Seba Beach. We were married at McDougall United Church in Edmonton in 1951. We bought our first house in 1953, a small white bungalow on 97 Street north of 120 Avenue, for seven thousand dollars, one thousand down and interest at five percent. My parents thought we were crazy to pay so much for a house. While living there we would some-

times see a man drive by with a beautiful team of draft horses. We learned later that it was Lawrence Rye from Namao. The Bud Bell family were our neighbours. Bud's parents were oldtimers in the Sunnyside area.

Our daughter, Holly Jean, was born in 1953. In 1956 we moved to a bigger house in the Crestwood area. A three-storey apartment block was built where our first little house once stood.

Lee Murray was born in 1958 and Christopher Walter in 1963. In 1960 we bought the Carmichael place east of Evergreen Store and west of the old Belmont School site on the north side of 153 Avenue. The house was built in 1922 by a Mr. Holland, then sold to people named Duncan who later sold it to Carmichaels. We moved there to live in 1964. Premier Manning lived at the east end of our road. He was a rare politician who, much to the dismay of his neighbors to the west, never did get the road paved to his door!

Our children all went by bus to Horse Hill School. Some excellent teachers who come to mind are: Mrs. Knight, Grade 1; Mrs. Leppard, Grade 7 and Mr. Heppler, Grade 9. The boys were active in baseball, Cubs, hunter training and outdoor education. Holly joined Girl Guides and Pony Club. Some enjoyable social events included: harvest suppers and Halloween masquerade dances at the old Horse Hill Hall, Christmas concerts held at the school with Mary Von Speer conducting, in which all the students participated, and spring teas where the Grade 9 students served goodies they had baked.

Holly attended Victoria Composite High School, where she especially enjoyed working in the school plays. She is a member of M.E.N.S.A. International.

Lee went to M.E. LaZerte and took part in volleyball, playing on the junior team that became provincial champions. Later they competed in the national championships in Montreal. After graduating, Lee attended Briercrest Bible College in Caronport, Saskatchewan.

After leaving Horse Hill, Chris attended Delwood and Balwin Junior High in Edmonton, and Sturgeon Composite High School.

In 1974 I completed a Bachelor of Education degree at the University of Alberta and began working at the Alberta Correspondence School. That same year we sold the feed lot at Evergreen and moved to the Londonderry area. Big Mistake! None of us liked city living. In December 1979 we moved to Sunnyside. Spring 1980 was beautiful. It was nice to have space again and fresh country

air, to hear Canada geese and redwing blackbirds and all the country sounds that we missed in the city.

We live on the west forty acres of N.E. 7-55-23-4, which was previously farmed by Lindsay Hodgins. I have been told that there was once a stopping house toward the south end of the property, but it had been burned down before we came here. We were able to find the cellar hole, some charred timbers and a few square nails. If anyone can tell us more about this we would be interested in hearing it.

In January 1984, I went on a teacher exchange to Queensland, Australia, returning to my regular job at the Correspondence School in December the same year.



Phyllis, Chris, Laura, Lee, Holly and Julian at Chris and Laura's wedding reception in the Moyer Rec. Centre, Josephburg, October 27, 1990.

We lease the adjoining quarter to the south of where we live and in 1987 bought the Lindsay Rye place. Are we farmers? I'm not sure, but more than one newborn calf has been revived in our bathtub.

Holly lives in Calgary and works at Southgate Chev Olds. Lee lives at home. Chris works for



Front Row, L-R: Luke Carrignan, James Outhwaite, Bill Outhwaite and Laura Hardman. Back Row, L-R: Joan Ebbers, Don Outhwaite, Holly (Hardman) Outhwaite and Christopher Hardman at Holly and Don's wedding, Red Deer Lake United Church, Calgary, Feb. 16, 1991.

Safeway and has bought an acreage at Crowsnest. He and Laura Visscher of Gibbons were married on October 27, 1990.

I have retired from the Department of Education and enjoy having time for bird watching, antique hunting and frequent visits to Lake Isle. We enjoy living at Sunnyside where we have good neighbours and friends, and country living so close to city conveniences. With all this and a promise from Sturgeon Council that Sunnyside Road will soon (?) be paved, who could ask for more?

Holly married Don Outhwaite on February 16, 1991.

HARRISON, Bob and Hilda

Bob and Hilda Harrison and their son, John, lived on an acreage at Carbondale in the 1960s and 1970s. They bought the old Dickenson place. John attended school at Namao.

Bob and Hilda worked in Edmonton. I'm sure residents, and former residents of Carbondale, will remember the challenge of the hill leading down into the ravine, and up the other side, when the weather was bad. The winters were mighty cold with lots of snow in those earlier days. Bob and Hilda often had to break trail in the mornings, especially if it had drifted badly overnight. The drive out to the Namao Highway was no mean task, nor was the return drive home at night.

Before they had the electricity installed, they used coal oil lamps. One time, one of the glass chimneys got broken. A search at several Edmonton outlets was fruitless. On their way home, they stopped at Johnny's Store for a few groceries. Bob mentioned the problem to Johnny, who promptly went on a search in his storeroom, and lo and behold, he turned up a treasure trove — two glass lamp chimneys!

In due course, John married Judy. Their children were Theresa, Robbie and Rhonda. They lived in Morinville.

Sadly, in 1977, Hilda passed away. In 1979, Bob sold out and moved to Edmonton. In 1985, John, Judy and family moved to Edmonton, too.

HARROLD, Donald and Ceenie

updated by daughter, Janet Akerman

Dad and Mother continued living on the farm, with the help of their oldest son, John. They celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in Namao Hall in 1965. Mother became a life member of the Namao United Church Women. She was always active in church activities and was a keen



Donald and Ceenie (Clyne) Harrold Wedding Picture, Jan. 12, 1915.

student of the Bible. Mother was also an avid reader and could recite poems, etc. that she had learned in childhood. Mother was only in her early twenties when she came to Canada in 1911 from Wick, Scotland. She worked for a time for Senator Lougheed in Calgary as a housemaid, before coming to Edmonton where her parents, Henry and Barbara Clyne, settled. Dad and Mother were married on January 12, 1915. Dad remained quite active on the farm, taking an interest in his garden and helping Mother in the house. Dad passed away on December 11, 1972 in Fort Saskatchewan Hospital after a short illness. Mother entered the Parkland Nursing Home in 1973. She was confined to a wheel chair and her health slowly deteriorated. She spent some time in the Camsell Hospital in Edmonton before being transferred to the Dickinsfield Extended Care Centre. She passed away on March 10, 1981, and both Mom and Dad are buried in Namao Cemetery. Dad was the last of the Harrold boys who had come to Namao on May 28, 1888. His sister, Jessie, Mrs. Joseph Morris, was the only one left of that generation. She passed away in September 1979, and is buried in Edmonton cemetery.



Standing, L-R: Barbara, Don, John. Sitting, L-R: Ellen, Donald, Alice, Janet and Ceenie, 1942.

John and Ellen still reside on the home farm where John is still farming, although on a lesser scale. Ellen is retired after working over thirty years for the Federal Government in Edmonton. Barbara too is retired from her job in the city and lives in Edmonton, but spends nearly every weekend at the farm. Both Barbara and Ellen have done a great deal of travelling, visiting such places as China, Japan, Europe, Australia, the British Isles, United States and Canada.

Donald A. Harrold and his wife, Joyce (McFarquhar) Harrold, lived in West Edmonton until their retirement. Donald worked at Imperial Oil Refinery for over thirty years, and Joyce taught at Sherwood School for many years. Their son, Robert, and daughter, Judith, both became teachers. Robert married Gloria Deahn from Everett, Washington, U.S.A. They have two sons, Myles and Michael, who attend school in Kelowna, B.C., where Bob and Gloria now reside. Robert also is an artist and has many lovely watercolor and oil pictures. Judith Hawrelak lives in Edmonton where she teaches school. She has two sons, Jordan and Justin. Lois Fee, the youngest daughter, has lived and worked in Vancouver for the past fifteen years. In 1979 Joyce and Donald retired. They sold their home in Edmonton and moved to Surrey, B.C., where they are now living.

Janet (Mrs. Gordon Akerman) and her husband live on the farm one mile west of Namao hamlet. They have two children, William Donald and Barbara Colleen. William married Linda Lou Love, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Love of Edmonton, on August 19, 1978. Bill and Linda have two children, William David, born September 14, 1982, and Loni Colleen, born July 24, 1984. Bill works for Edmonton Telephones and



Donald and Joyce Harrold. Robert — 8, Judy — 6, and Lois — 4, 1957.

they reside in Millwoods area of Edmonton. Barbara married Murray Scott Thomson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thomson of Edmonton. They were married on April 12, 1986, and live on the original homestead of William Nicolson, later owned by William Harrold and purchased by the Akerman Brothers, Colin and Gordon, in 1944. Barbara worked for Orlick Distributing Ltd. for twelve years, but due to a company closure, now works for Gra Max Transportation Services in Edmonton. Murray works for Prime Fasteners Ltd., also in Edmonton.

Alice (Mrs. James McGeachy) was born on February 13, 1928, the youngest child of Donald and Ceenie Harrold. Alice attended school at Namao S.S.D. No. 24 until January 1945. Alice worked at the Royal Bank in Edmonton for a total of six years. On February 12, 1955, she married Jim McGeachy and in the following nine years, six children were born: Duncan, August 6, 1955; Sandra, January 8, 1957; Donald, June 29, 1958; Heather, January 2, 1960; Malcolm, March 29, 1962; and Bruce, November 28, 1964. Jim worked at Sherritt Gordon Mines in Fort Saskatchewan for a total of 30 years from 1956 to 1986. Their children obtained their early education in Strathcona County, but in 1969 they moved to an acreage in Sturgeon on Highway 15. They completed their education in Sturgeon and M.E. LaZerte in Edmonton.



McGeachy Family, 1987. Back Row, L-R: Duncan, Alice, Jim, Donald. Front Row, L-R: Bruce, Sandra, Heather and Malcolm.

Duncan is employed with Air Canada, Sandra with the Edmonton Journal, Donald with Consolidated Concrete, Malcolm with Sherritt Gordon Mines, and Bruce with Delta Air Lines. Heather married Mark Robinson on May 14, 1983. Heather is a housewife with two children, and Mark is a Chartered Accountant employed by Deloitte and Touche Accounting firm. Jim and Alice live in semi-retirement on an acreage and are enjoying it very much. They have three grandchildren: Wendy Erickson, March 6, 1978; Alanna Robinson, May 9, 1987; and Shannon Robinson, October 14, 1988.

Alice died February 1991.

HARROLD, Harry and Family

John Harrold married Elsie Stanford. They had five children: Audrey, Allen, Norman, Roy and Cheryl. John worked in the logging camps in the Edson area. That was put to an end after a terrible accident that claimed his leg. He then developed his skills in business and accounting. He worked for the Alberta Department of Highways. The family moved to Surrey, B.C., in 1948. In 1966, the Alberta sunshine called John back to Edmonton. His family followed in 1967. John passed away in 1975. Audrey married Robert (Robbie) Robson. They also had five children: James, Daniel, Kathleen, Christopher and Barbara. Robbie died in 1986. Barbara has one son, Andrew. Audrey and her family live in Ontario. Allen married June Poole. They have four children: Ronda, William, Susan and Sheri. Ronda has a son, Darrell. Norman married Cathy Ward. They had two boys, Norman and Kevin. After their divorce, Norman married Wendy Duquette, who had two children,

Terra and Corey. Roy married Debora (Debbie) Strembitski. They have two girls, Heather and Lindsay. Cheryl married Ralph Inkster.

Harriet graduated from McDougall Commercial and then worked for the School Book Branch. In 1941, she married Waldo Crawford. In the spring of 1949, the call of the North rang out; Harriet and Waldo contracted to cut a phenomenal 3500 cords of wood. After their divorce, she moved to Vancouver where she met and married Allen Knight. He had two children, Jim and Mary. They lived in Bellingham, Washington, then San Jose, California. After Allen's death in 1964, Harriet and family moved back to Bellingham. Harriet is very active in the church and has spent many hours as a volunteer for the Salvation Army. Jim married Cheryl Posthumus. They had two girls, Rebecca (Becky) and Amy. After they divorced, Jim married Kahni Tuson. Mary married Richard Sucee. They have two children, Jill and Todd. Harriet and her family reside in Bellingham, Washington.

David joined the Air Force in 1941. He went to Great Britain as an Air Force mechanic on Spitfire fighter planes. His squadron was the first to go to France during the invasion. After his discharge and several jobs later, he trained as a psychiatric nurse, his line of work for the next 25 years. David married Margaret Crowe. They have three sons: Kim, Dale and Jay. Kim married Dolina Macpherson. They had two children, Angus and Heather. Kim and Dolina were divorced in 1984. Dale married Annette Draves. She had one son, Deon, by a previous marriage. Jay married Diane Bablitz. They have two children, Melissa and Shauna. David and Margaret spend their winters in Arizona. Dave doesn't like shovelling snow.

James (Jim) joined the Air Force when he was eighteen. He went to France D-Day + 3. When he returned home, he was in the trucking business. He married Joyce Brock. They had four children: Diane, Darlene, Bonnie and James. Jim passed away January 1987. Diane married Dennis Wrigglesworth. They have two girls, Keri and Marnie. Darlene married Gary Leblanc. They have two boys, Garrett and Neil. Bonnie married William (Bill) Cameron. James married Lori Tanton. Jim was the proud father of two boys, Vaughn and James, before he was killed in an industrial accident in June 1987, just a few short months after his father passed away.

Elizabeth joined the army in 1944 and spent fifteen months serving in Camp Borden and Kitch-

ener. In 1951, she married Will Williams, who was in the Air Force. They moved around between Alberta and Ontario for the next twelve years, finally settling in Edmonton. They had three children: Elaine, Marilyn and Gene. Elaine married Harold Poulin. They have three children: Joanne, Kelly and Matthew. Marilyn married Barry Zdrill. They have two girls, Pam and Lisa. Gene married Rosalind Matwijia. They have two children, Chelsey and Bradley. Elizabeth passed away in 1988.

Christina married Tom Abernethy. They farmed in the Morinville area for seven years, then moved to Edmonton, where Tom worked at the Post Office. Christina worked at the Post Office, Marshall Wells, and other jobs. They have two daughters, Judith (Judy) and Barbara. Barbara married Chuck Griffith. They have two boys, David and Evan.

HARROLD, Jack and Olive

Jack Glyn Harrold — born March 6, 1910, in Edmonton, son of John and Violet Harrold. Married July 18, 1936, to Olive Holmes.

After attending school at Bellerose, Jack con-



Olive and Jack Harrold.

tinued his education in 1928 and 1929 at the Olds Agricultural College. He then farmed with his father until his marriage, when he began farming on his own. Like his father, he spent some time as a municipal councillor.

He became interested in airplanes during the war and never lost his enthusiasm for them. He laid out a grass runway on his farm where as many as 12 airplanes were tied down at one time. He owned a Ralleye, a French-built four place airplane, and was about to make his first solo flight when he had a heart attack. A stroke later confined him to a wheel chair and robbed him of his

ability to communicate, a particularly hard blow for a man who “could talk to anyone” — the Olds yearbook notes that “everyone knew Jack”. Jack died December 17, 1982.

Annie Olive Harrold (nee Holmes) — born May 24, 1910.

Olive was the daughter of a missionary from the Peace River country. She attended Calgary Normal School where she obtained her teaching certificate. It was while she was teaching at Bellerose, her second school, and boarding with John and Violet Harrold, that she got to know Jack. After their marriage in 1936, she left teaching, but she took it up again when her own children were in high school. She taught for seven years at Namao. Both she and Jack enjoyed their frequent trips east to visit their daughters. Olive now lives in Edmonton.

Eunice Patricia Albrecht — born December 13, 1938.

Pat, Jack and Olive’s eldest daughter, graduated from Namao High School, then trained as a nurse at the University Hospital. After graduating, she served for a time in Vermilion, Whitehorse, Grande Prairie and Edmonton. Pat took further obstetrical training in Edmonton, then accepted a position in Guelph, Ontario. It was there that she met her husband, John Albrecht, a farmer. They farmed for the next eighteen years while Pat continued to nurse, first part time, then full time.

They have two sons, John Harold, born August 18, 1966, and Kenneth George, born January 12, 1968. Both boys are presently attending university. Pat and John have moved from the farm and are living in the town of Wellesley.

Jon Aubrey Harrold — born July 17, 1940.

The only son of Jack and Olive Harrold, Aubrey attended school at Bellerose and Namao.



Christine and Aubrey Harrold.

After farming for several years, he went to work for the City of Edmonton as a bus driver. He is currently employed as the shop foreman at Sturgeon Valley Fertilizers. In 1975, he married Christine Smith, then a letter carrier. They now live on the farm, homesteaded by Aubrey's grandfather, John Harrold Junior.

Shiela Jane Cowtan — born March 31, 1942.

Shiela, Jack and Olive's second daughter, attended school in Namao, then went on to study psychiatric nursing at Alberta Hospital. She married David Cowtan in 1963, and in 1965, they moved to Guelph, where sons, Paul and Greg, were born. After working for some time at Homewood Hospital in Guelph, she took a job as personnel manager with Data Business Forms in Brampton. She and David are now divorced.

Paul David, Shiela's eldest son, was born on December 15, 1967. He now works for Canadian Office Supplies in Brampton. Mark Gregory (Greg) was born November 4, 1972. He is attending high school in Brampton.

HARROLD, William and Family

William Nicolson Harrold, Willie, as he was commonly known, was the fourth son of John and Jessie Harrold. He was born in Scotland on December 25, 1882, and moved to Canada with his family in 1888 when he was six years old. He went to school in Namao, and, in 1909, married Sarah Hutchings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T.G. Hutchings of Poplar Lake.

Willie and Sarah had five children: Douglas, Joan, Jessie, Thomas and Mary-Ellen. The family moved to Dawson Creek, where they stayed for 10 years, and then eventually moved back to Namao to farm.

Willie passed away in 1942. Sarah later became Mrs. Frank Lemley and lived in Athabasca until her death in 1963.

William Douglas (Doug) was born December 25, 1909, and married Hazel Ferguson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Ferguson, old timers of the district. Doug and Hazel moved to Athabasca and, for many years, operated a recreational facility at Baptiste Lake. Hazel was a nurse and did active nursing at the Athabasca Hospital for many years.

Doug and Hazel had two daughters. Lola was born in 1939. She married William Whieldon and has two sons: Bernard William, born in 1958 and Ross Douglas, born in 1962.

Sharon was born in 1945. She married William

Kump and has two children. Samuel Edward was born in 1970, and Erin Lee was born in 1978.

Hazel passed away in 1987. Doug married Constance Glover, and they lived in Victoria where Doug built, owned and operated a pub, appropriately called the Black Douglas. They had one son, Scott Douglas, who was born in 1962. Doug passed away in 1978 in Victoria.

Joan was born in 1912. She married Ralph Green of Virden, Manitoba. They lived in Athabasca until her death in 1952. Joan was often remembered fondly for her sense of humour and warm ways.

Jessie was Willie and Sarah's third child, born in 1913 at Namao. She went with the family to Dawson Creek. In 1932 she married Phil Sheridan. Jessie and Phil moved to Drumheller where their daughters, Gayle and Lynne, were born in 1933 and 1936. They moved back to Edmonton and, while in Edmonton, they lost their first daughter, Gayle, who was only seven years old, to influenza.

Lynne presently lives in Ottawa and works for the Federal Government. Her job involves a lot of travel, which enables her to keep in close contact with the family.

Patrick (Pat) was born in 1940. He married Margaret Palen from Brandon, Manitoba, in 1970. They have two children, Philip and Barbara, born 1976 and 1977. Pat lives in Toronto and spends his leisure time travelling with their motor home.

Karen was born in 1941. She married Donald Murray in 1960, and they have one son, Leonard, who was born in 1961. Karen, who is a social worker and an artist, lives in Victoria. Leonard lives in Edmonton.

Rillah was born in 1945 in Athabasca. She married Terry Carson in 1971. They have two children, Richard and Sarah. Rillah and Terry, both teachers, lived in Newfoundland for 10 years but have chosen Edmonton as their home. Terry is now a professor at the University of Alberta and Rillah is pursuing her Ph.D.

Phil passed away in 1945 when Rillah was 11 months old.

Jessie married Bob Voaklander in 1954. Bob, a kind and generous man, became a father and friend to Jessie's children. They lived in Dawson Creek and later moved to Fort St. James, B.C., where they spent 18 years. Bob worked for Cominco, and Jessie became very active in the community, spending many years as Alderman.

They had two children, Donald and Vanore, (1956 and 1960), born in Pouce Coupe. Donald married Karen Kelly in 1989. Donald and Karen

have completed their Master's Degrees and are continuing their education. They live in Kingston, Ontario and are expecting their first child in November of 1990. They will be returning to Edmonton to live soon after.

Vanore lives in Edmonton. She is working towards becoming a human resources specialist and has been experiencing a serious case of the travel bug. She presently travels to Europe once a year.

Thomas (Tom) was born in 1915 in Edmonton. Tom lived on the farm with his parents and attended school and Sunday School at Namao. In 1926, he moved to Wembley, Alberta, which at that time was the end of steel, Northern Alberta Railway. Tom stayed there a year or two and moved to Dawson Creek. The railway had progressed to Dawson Creek by then. In 1931, Tom went to Edmonton and did numerous jobs until 1942, when he joined the Navy. He served on the East Coast at sea until he was medically discharged.

Tom married Karen Mattson of Sangudo. They had two children, born in 1946 and 1947. Karen passed away in 1961.

Donna was born in Edmonton and married John Graham of Lloydminster. They have one child, Brenda, born in 1966.

Kenneth (Ken) was born in Edmonton. Her married Helen Schock of Lloydminster. They have two children, Kevin and Kimberly (1973 and 1976).

Both Donna and Ken live in Lloydminster with their families.

Tom lived for many years in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and owned and operated a shoe store. In 1980, Tom married Sheila Cormack. They live in Victoria, B.C.

Mary-Ellen (Babe) was born in 1918, the youngest child of Willie and Sarah. Babe spent most of her adult life in the Namao district. She married Roy Davis in 1938. Babe worked at the Post Office on the air base at Namao for many years and Roy drove the school bus. They eventually sold the farm and moved to Edmonton and often wintered in Palm Springs. Babe and Roy were very active in the community. Babe was one of the people who was instrumental in planning the 100th anniversary of the Harrold family. She passed away in June of 1987.

HODGINS, Lindsay and Ruth

updated by Ruth Hodgins

Lindsay, Ruth and family moved to Edmonton in 1970. Lindsay died of cancer in 1971. Mar-

ilyn married Ray Foster in 1971 and presently resides near Gibbons. They have two children, Susan and David. Robert (Bob) married Jennifer Morse and they live near Sherwood Park. Barbara resides in Vancouver. Gordon resides in Edmonton, and Donald is in Calgary. Ruth now resides at Pineview Horizon Village in St. Albert.

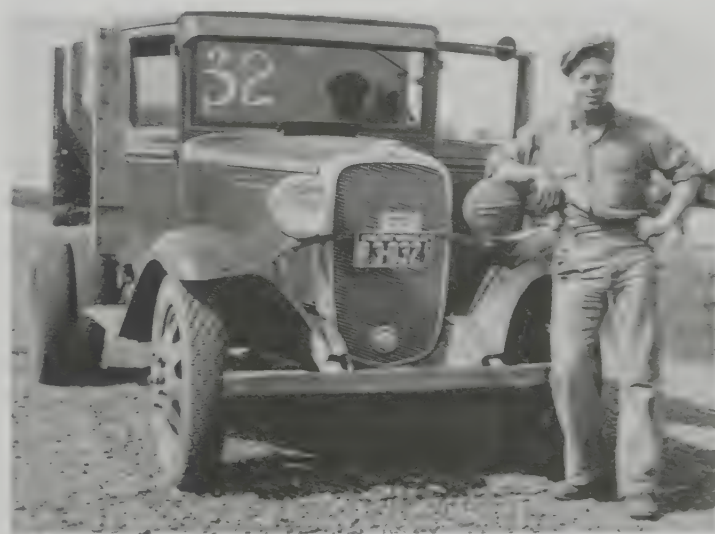
HOLMGREN, Bro "Bud"

written by Gertrude Holmgren Duxbury

Bror Holmgren, or "Bud" as he was known to his many friends and customers at the Star-Key Mine, was born in central Sweden and immigrated to Canada as a young man in 1929. During his first years here, he worked on farms, built elevators, and held other jobs. He then hauled coal from the Penn Mine at Carbondale in winter and gravel for highway projects for Starkey and Fitzgerald in the summer. Eventually, he was hired permanently as surface foreman at the Kent Mine on the Cooking Lake Trail, which also was owned by Mr. Starkey.

I. Gertrude Skonberg, was born in Saskatchewan and came to Edmonton with my family as a young girl. I took my schooling in Edmonton and was workings as a cashier at W.W. Sales when I met Bud. We were married in Edmonton, but, for economic reasons, when our first daughter was a few weeks old, we moved to a small house at the Kent Mine. We lived there for eight years, during which time two more daughters were born. It was during this time also, that Bud took a welding course at the Technical School.

About 1944, Mr. Starkey was looking for a new location for a mine, as the coal was being depleted at the Kent. He bought some land from Ken



Bud Holmgren on gravel haul, 1935.

Samis at Namao and, after the coal season was finished in the spring of 1945, work began on excavation of the mine workings and building a tipple, wash house, shop, and getting a well.

Bud was very busy, putting in long hours, and travelling about twenty miles each way, which he didn't appreciate. He noticed a vacant house down by the river and enquired about renting it. Later, we bought it and moved it up to the mine. We, as a family, had many happy times as our girls grew into young ladies. We enjoyed many outings, fishing trips, and camping during those years. In 1947, we all spent the summer in Sweden visiting relatives and enjoying the beauty of Bud's homeland. When we first came to the area, the girls attended school in the one room Guilbault School, but when we came back from Sweden, it had closed and the girls were bussed to St. Albert. About 1951, there was a mine strike and the girls had to go through the picket lines to get to their bus, which they didn't like too well.

Early on the morning of January 4, 1958 we were awakened by someone blowing a horn outside. I looked at the clock and, as it was only an hour or so before time to get up, I decided to ignore it because this sort of thing was becoming quite regular. However, the person blowing the horn was insistent and finally knocked at the door. "The tipple is on fire," he said. Only three times in our married life did I see Bud jump out of bed as fast as he did that morning. The wind was in our direction and some sparks were coming our way and, although there had been times that I thought that I would want to move, I prayed then that it wouldn't be this way. I asked Audrey to put a complete change of clothes for the three of us in the car, and I drove it across the road away from the house, just in case.

1958 was a busy year for us — Bud busy with the construction of a new tipple and I busy with wedding plans, as our two eldest daughters were getting married.

At the time of his death on September 28, 1974, Bud was part owner of the mine. I lived on in the house for another four years, and then I moved to an apartment in St. Albert where I resided for three years. I then married Roy Duxbury, and we lived west of Red Deer. I am now widowed again and am residing in Edmonton.

Our three daughters are all married. Virginia married Milton Fawcett and lived in St. Albert until November 1985, when they moved to Pigeon Lake. Carol married Martin McRae, and they have lived in St. Albert since 1962, except for almost

two years when they lived in Camrose. Audrey married Glen Eliasson, and they live in Edmonton. The three families have given me eight grandchildren, four boys and four girls. I also have three great-grandchildren: two boys, Brent Johnston and Wayne Ferguson, and one girl, Ann Marie Hibbert. All my girls are grandmothers — "Mormor" they call them in Swedish.

HOOK, Jack and Norah

Jack and Norah Hook moved to the Namao district in August 1972, after building a home on the E½ of SE 25-54-25-W4. John Robert Hook was born July 15, 1923 in Chilliwack, B.C., where he lived until 1929. The family then moved to Kelowna until 1934, when another move brought them to Edmonton. Here they lived for a year with their relatives, Jones, on a dairy farm at Ellerslie. Then, in 1935, they moved to the south side of Edmonton.

Jack started school in Kelowna, went to the Ellerslie school for Grade 6, and also to McKay Avenue and Bennett Schools in Edmonton. He went to Edmonton Technical School for high school. While going to school, he worked as a delivery boy for a bakery and butcher shop, and later in the garage of Price Dayton.

In 1941 Jack began work at Aircraft Repair as an inspector.

Norah Arlene (Plumley) Hook was born May 28, 1923 in Athabasca. The family lived on a farm in the district of Paxsow. Norah started school at Silver Fox School. In 1928 Jim Plumley, Norah's father, died of pneumonia. Mrs. Plumley and three small children stayed on the farm until 1930, when they moved into Athabasca. In 1936 there was another move to Edmonton to the Eastwood district. Norah attended Eastwood school. Her first job (besides babysitting) was at GWG sewing army coveralls. In 1941 she started work at Aircraft Repair in the sheet metal shop. There she met Jack Hook. They were married in 1943 and continued living in Edmonton. In 1944, Jack worked for the U.S. Army Air Force as a mechanic and line chief. After the war ended in 1945, he worked for Peace River Northern Airlines and later Uscon Engineering as an aircraft engineer.

In 1948 he started work with Associated Airways and, when the company bought their first helicopter in 1949, he was the first mechanic trained on this new machine. As the helicopters were used mostly for oil exploration, mapping, transporting geologists, and moving camps, Jack

spent most of the summer in the early years in Northern Canada. He worked at Yellowknife, Nahanni Butte, Inuvik, Tuktoyuctuk, Fort St. John, Fort Nelson, Whitehorse and Mold Bay on the Arctic Islands. As the company expanded and bought more helicopters, Jack became chief engineer and superintendent of maintenance.

Jack started a program to train young people who graduated from college in the field of aircraft maintenance engineering. He had this program approved by the Ministry of Transport. Later he was approached by the Ministry of Transport in Ottawa to participate in updating the curriculum used by the colleges across Canada. He served on this board until retirement.

After moving to Namao in 1972, Hooks bought four cows, and so started the kind of lifestyle they both enjoy.

Jack continued working at Associated Helicopters and building up his herd until 1982 when he retired after 40 years with flying machines.

Hooks have four daughters, Arlene, born in 1944, is married to Moe Shandro. They live in Stony Plain and have two sons, Marc, 18, and Drew, 15. Linda (Simmonds) born in 1948, lives near Clandonald and teaches school in Vermilion. She taught at Namao Elementary School for eight years. She has one daughter, Jodi, 23, who lives in Namao. Maureen Hook, born in 1951, lives in St. Albert with her two children, Michael, 19, and

Jennifer, 15. Claire, born in 1954, is married to Ray Powell from Camrose. They and their children, Jayne, 6, and Denver, 3, live in the original Plumley family house, and Jayne attends Horse Hill School.

Jack Hook's father was Piercy Scholes Hook. He was born in Toronto, Ontario, in 1878 and lived in Bowmanville, Ontario. He was a graduate of the Toronto Conservatory of Music. He came to Edmonton in December 1903. In 1904 he was appointed musical director of Alberta College. In 1912 he married Dionetta Jones, daughter of a pioneer family living at Ellerslie. They moved to Calgary where Piercy was organist and choirmaster of Grace Presbyterian Church.

Their daughter, Marion Louise, was born in 1916. There were moves to Vancouver, Chilliwack, (where Jack was born in 1923), Kelowna, and back to Edmonton in 1935 to the position of organist and choirmaster of McDougal United Church, and later Wesley, until his retirement in 1943. As well as church work, Mr. Hook gave lessons on piano and organ, accompanied choirs and visiting celebrities, gave concerts and conducted an orchestra that played the background music for silent films. Piercy Hook died in January 1950, and is buried in Beachmount Cemetery.

Jack Hook's mother, Dionetta Jones, was born in Sheridan, Michigan, U.S.A., on February 2, 1883. She moved with her parents and eight brothers and sisters to Strathcona in 1898. They settled on a dairy farm at Ellerslie. Dionetta went to Alberta College and worked as a secretary before her marriage to Piercy Hook. After Mr. Hook's death, Dionetta moved to Vancouver to live with her daughter, Marion (married to Frank Klampfer), and their twin children, Betty and John. Mrs. Hook died in January 1973 and is buried in Beachmount Cemetery.

Norah Hook's father, Jim Plumley, was born in November 1889. He attended Belmont and Horse Hill schools. He freighted with his father, making the trip to Calgary at seven years of age and driving his own team at 11. In his teens, he worked on the farm and freighted. In 1910 he and his brother, Tom, filed on homesteads in the Paxson district, east of Athabasca, which he worked on in summer as well as helping at home. In 1919, he bought a $\frac{1}{4}$ section farm.

In 1920 he and Margaret Lockhart were married and lived on the new land. They had three children: Lois, 1921; Norah, 1923; and Jack, 1925. Jim died of pneumonia in December 1928. Margaret and children, with the help of her young



Jack and Norah Hook Family, 1983. Standing: Linda. Front: Maureen, Claire, Arlene, Norah and Jack.



F. R. Lockhart Family, 1959. Back Row: Harry, Mabel, Annie and Fred. Front Row: Gertie, Sarah, Margaret (Plumley) and Jack.

brother, Harry Lockhart, stayed on the farm until November 1930.

The Plumley family then moved into Athabasca and lived there until 1936, at which time they moved to Edmonton. The children went to Eastwood School. Lois took High school at McDougall, then worked for Western Transfer and, during the second World War, joined the CWAC.

In 1947 she married Bill Mundy, from a pioneer family in Bashaw, and went to live in eastern Canada, the last years in Ottawa. They had four daughters: Lois Anne, 1948, married to Major Gene Markell, now stationed in Germany, no children; Lory, 1949, married to Brett Dack with 20 year old twin boys, Brett and Shane, and son Ryan, 15; Leslie, married to Major Walter Natynczyk, with children: Margaret, 7, William, 4, and John, 2; Lynne, 1959, married to Chris Anderson with son, Cameron, and daughter, Kimberly.

Lois, now widowed, retired from her school secretary job in 1987 and moved back to St. Albert.

Jack Plumley lived and worked in Red Deer. He married and had three children: Evelyn, Jim, and Meg. They are all married and there are three grandchildren. Jack spent a lot of time in his early years at his Uncle Jack Plumley's. He played ball and hockey with some of the young people of Horse Hill and Namao and knew many of the older ones.

Margaret Lockhart, Norah Hook's mother, was born March 8, 1898, in Carrickfergus, Ireland.

She was the second child of Fredrick and Sarah Lockhart, and had an older brother, Fred. The family immigrated to Canada in June 1898. They bought land at Walkers Flats on the Saskatchewan River, where they lived until 1906. By this time, the family had increased by three daughters, Annie, Mabel and Gertie, and, as there was no school near, they moved to the Horse Hill district. They had two more sons, Harry and Jack. In 1922, Fredrick and Sarah and the four youngest members of the family moved to New Brunswick. By then, Fred had married Louisa Alexander. The Alexanders' farm was where Evergreen Mobile Home Park now stands. Fred now lives in Calgary in a lodge near his only son, Walter, and family. Margaret married Jim Plumley in 1920, and Annie had married Bill Arrowsmith and moved to Regina. Harry Lockhart returned to Alberta and lived with Jim and Margaret Plumley at Paxson. Mabel, Gertie and Jack still live in Eastern Canada. Annie and Harry have passed away. Margaret lived with Jack and Norah Hook and is now in a Nursing Home in Edmonton.

Note: Margaret passed away on October 25, 1990, at the age of ninety-two.

HORDAL, Ed, Marian, Shane and Chad

Ed is from Wynyard, Saskatchewan, and Marian is from Trail, B.C. (nee Waddell). In August of 1975, they married and moved to Edmonton into an apartment. In March of 1976, they bought their acreage, with a trailer on it, near Namao. Along came Shane in April 1978.



Back: Marion and Ed Hordal. Front: Chad and Shane, Dec., 1989.

They moved the trailer to Sangudo onto a lot in 1980 and lived there for about six months. Back at the acreage, a house was built, and they moved back in September of 1981. In the meantime, Chad had come along in September of 1980. They have lived in this house ever since.

Ed works for AGT and Marian is a registered nurse and works at the Royal Alex Hospital as a casual nurse. Both boys were born at this hospital. They have attended Namao School since kindergarten. At the present time, Shane is in Grade 6 and Chad in Grade 4. We, as a family, have also attended Namao United Church since 1980. Both boys attended Sunday School there until last year.

HORRICKS, George and Margaret HORRICKS, Charles and Catherine

George and Margaret, in partnership with Charles and Kay, started Horricks Dairy in 1927.

When George and Margaret's sons were able to take over the farm, Charles and George dissolved their partnership. Charles went into grain farming until he retired in 1976 to the city, where they still live. Their daughter, Shirley, and husband Jim Ward, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, live near by.

George continued to be involved with Horricks Dairy. He also found time to serve as director of the NADP for many years, serving as the president, Chairman of the Edmonton Milk Foundation, and as president of Dairy Farmers of Canada. He was awarded the Premier's Award of Alberta in 1982 for his contributions to farming.

George and Margaret loved farm life and had a cottage at the ranch, where they spent many happy hours driving amongst the cattle.

They celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in 1981. Margaret died later that year of cancer. This left George very lonely, and he died of heart failure in January 1984.

George and Margaret had five children: Albert (deceased 1983) who was married to Barbara (Gilbert) of Ministik; Milton, married to Barbara (Samis); William, married to Joy (Jones); Ronald, married to Patricia (Blaine), and living on the farm; and a daughter, Peggy, married to Brian Krebs of Seattle, Washington, U.S.A.

HORRICKS, Milton (Bud) and Barbara by Barbara Horricks

Bud, the second son of George and Margaret Horricks, was born and raised on the family farm

north of Edmonton on 97 Street. He attended Turnip Lake Elementary School and then took "Bud's Bus" to Victoria High School transporting neighboring students.

Upon graduation he worked in partnership with his dad operating Horricks Dairy. At this time milk was bottled and delivered by a horse drawn milk wagon to the residents of Edmonton — "Natural Milk — Naturally the Best". In 1946 government regulations prohibited the sale of natural milk, bringing in legislation that all milk be pasteurized and homogenized. The Northern Alberta Dairy Pool bought out the business and milk route. The milk was then sold to Northern Alberta Dairy Pool to be processed.

Registered Hereford cows were purchased, combining beef raising and dairying.

A lot of stories were told of the cattle drives to Ministik Lake each spring. This meant getting up at 3 A.M. and driving the cattle on horse back through Edmonton across the Dawson bridge, south to Beaumont where they were watered, then on to Ministik. This often brought irate city dwellers out when the cows decided to take a short cut through their gardens. Of course this process had to be reversed in the fall.

A big change in the dairy was the building of a loafing barn in 1956, one of the first in the area. It was built of cement slabs rejected in the building of the 7SD Supply Depot at the air base. Bud constructed the stanchions in an L shape. This barn was built to last forever as was found out when they tried to dismantle it to bury in the berm.

Winters and in the evenings Bud spent time dreaming up and making labor saving machines. Most notable of these were the self-propelled stook loader, the haymobile, which was a truck converted into a front-end hayloader, the honey wagon, a manure spreader mounted on a model A truck, the "Thing", a '26 Chev car with a mounted mower. Other labor savers were a cattle squeeze, and most recently a lawn sprayer mounted on the back of a garden tractor. Many of these were featured in the Country Guide magazine.

Bud married Barbara Samis in 1955. Barbara, the daughter of Glen and Bessie Samis of Excelsior, had graduated in nursing at the University of Alberta Hospital. She worked for 19 years with the Nursing Reserve at the University of Alberta Hospitals.

In 1962 brothers Bill and Ron joined the partnership forming a company. At this time the airport land was being hayed and huge loads of hay could be seen going down the highway to the farm

to be unloaded. The cattle were now being hauled to brother Albert's farm, where they were unloaded and driven the final four miles to the ranch. The women, children and lunch rode in the hay wagon, followed by the cattle and horseback riders. This was a day we all looked forward to, usually coinciding with Mother's Day. A cavalcade of six to eight trucks accompanied by friends and neighbors made this a memorable day.

In 1976, a dairy dispersal sale was held as the land was now annexed by the city of Edmonton. This marked the end of 50 years of dairying. Beef raising continued until 1989 when housing development brought the end of farming on the original farmstead. The brothers then dissolved their company.

Bud and Barbara have two children, Laurel and Ross.

Laurel, a graduate nurse, loved farm life and was never happier than when working with her 4-H calves, driving a tractor or bottling and delivering milk to the eight to ten families on the farm. She married Peter Peeters, a professional hockey player, and has lived in Philadelphia, Boston and Washington. They have a farm in Sunnyside where they spend the summers and where they plan to live after hockey. They have three children: Jeremy, Chelsey and Trevor.

Ross spent many hours on the tractors. We never realized how conscientious he was until later he admitted having to get off the tractor at the corners to straighten the windrows by hand when raking. Due to allergies, Ross left the farm and obtained his B.Sc. and D.D.S. at the University of Alberta. He is living in Excelsior and has a dental practice in Morinville. He married Melanie DoBush, a travel consultant with Air Canada. They have two children: Chad and Desirae.

Bud and Barbara now grain farm on Excelsior Farms and pasture cattle of the ranch at Gunn. Hopefully they will have more time to spend at their cabin on Long Lake with their grandchildren.

HOWLETT, Eldon and Barbara, and Family

Barbara Eva Sim married Eldon Howlett on July 5, 1957. They had four children:

1st born: Terry Arthur Howlett — January 10, 1958

2nd born: Kenneth William — March 5, 1959

3rd born: Laurie Ann Almedia Howlett — June 13, 1960

4th born: Sandra Cindy Colleen Howlett — May 20, 1962

Barb and Eldon now reside on a farm southwest of Stony Plain. Barb sells real estate for NRS (National Real-Estate Service) in Spruce Grove. Together, Barb and Eldon raise Morgan horses. As the children were growing up, they were always involved in riding lessons, 4-H, horse shows and gymkhanas. They won several trophies, ribbons and saddles. Eldon and Barb now have the largest Morgan horse herd in Western Canada.

Grandma, Eldon, Terry, Ken, and Laurie and Dave, farm together.

Laurie married David Larry Maycher on August 1, 1980. They have two children:

1st born: Lindsay Ann Maycher — April 13, 1983

2nd born: Melissa Dawn Maycher — April 10, 1985

They reside on a farm south of Stony Plain. Dave is a journeyman carpenter and is employed by the County of Parkland. Dave and Laurie also farm. When Laurie isn't farming, she works part time for the Provincial Government in Stony Plain. Lindsay is in Grade 1 in Stony Plain, and Melissa will be starting kindergarten in September. They are all actively involved with horses through riding lessons, horse shows, 4-H and Gymkhanas.

Terry married Kathaleen Lenore Reidford on February 25, 1981. They have one daughter: Kristin Mary Lenore Howlett, born August 2, 1981.

They live in Edmonton and own Bullshoot Saddlery and Western Wear, located in Kingsway Garden Mall in Edmonton. Kristin is in Grade 2 at an Edmonton school. They are also involved with horses through their western shop, and Kristin rides in gymkhanas, also.

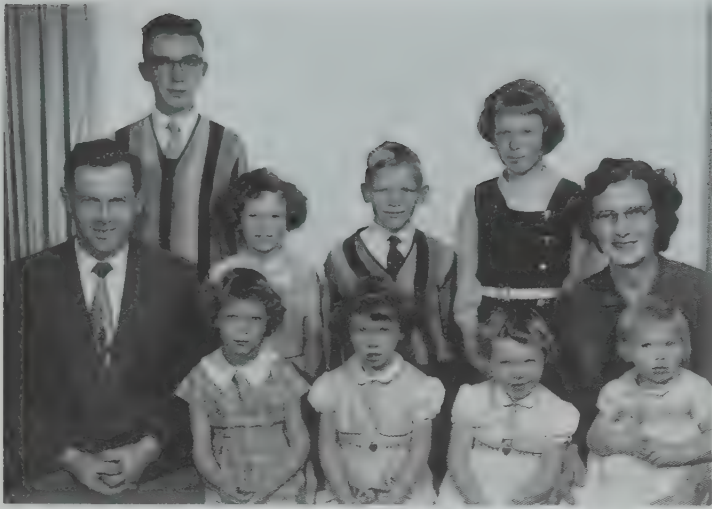
Cindy married Barry Ernest Nullmeyer on October 22, 1983. They have one daughter: Savannah Leigh Nullmeyer, born August 29, 1988.

They live on an acreage south of Stony Plain. Barry works for a trucking firm in Edmonton, and Cindy is a secretary for the Provincial Government in Edmonton. They also have horses and ride in gymkhanas.

Ken is single and living on a farm south of Stony Plain. He is a service coordinator for DSL (equipment supplier for restaurants and convenience stores). He also farms and is involved with horses through rodeos.

HUBER, Leo and Vera by Vera G. Huber

Leo and I bought an acreage in Carbondale, in February 1962, and we worked on remodeling the old house until October 1, 1962, when we



Huber: Barry, Theresa, Francis, Louise, Leo, Anna, Bernadette, Maria, Vera, Rosalie, December 1, 1964.

moved in with our seven children: Barry, Louise, Francis, Theresa, Anna, Bernadette and Maria. In April 1963, we were again blessed with a daughter, Rosalie.

Leo worked for the Dominion Government as an engineer at Canada Manpower in the winter months and did odd jobs from carpentry to farming in the summer months. I looked after our family and all the animals: cows, horses, pigs, chickens, goats, dogs, cats and gerbils. In addition, Barry had pets: falcons, a great horned owl and porcupines.

From the time we moved to Carbondale we got involved in the community of Namao. Leo was one of the original men who signed the Constitution for the Namao School and Community League. Both Leo and I were directly involved in organizing and serving on St. John the Evangelist (Namao) Church board in 1974. I was a member of the Catholic Women's League at the Namao Air Base until St. John the Evangelist CWL was organized in September 1979. Leo managed ten ball teams and coached a team for over ten years, until his death in a car accident on December 23, 1976. I coached a team for over five years. We had our children in various activities such as 4-H Garden, Sewing, Dairy and Horse Clubs and hockey. We were avid gymkhana and horse club workers. I was the secretary-treasurer for the Sturgeon Gas Co-op Ltd. for over 18 years, from the time it started until it was closed down.

Our children are all married and carry on their parents' good habits of working in their respective communities wherever they live.

Barry married Valerie Olsen and they have two children, Jared James and Colleen Nicole. Louise married Doug Short and they have Trisha Louise and Christopher Stewart. Doug died in an elec-



Leo and Vera Huber's 25th Wedding Anniversary, April 16, 1976.

trical accident on September 17, 1985. Francis married Donna Zawalak and they have Denny Michael, Robert Leo and Sarah Rose. Theresa married Murray Stratton and they have Terry Alexander and David Lee. Anna married Robert Robertson and they have Simon Peter and Robin Ann. Bernadette married Paul Phillips and they have Joclyn Marie and Chantelle Rose. Maria married Robert Smith; they have no children as yet. Rosalie married John Masson and they have Nathan Michael.

I drove a school bus for sixteen and a half years, then went back to school at Jack Bredin Community Institute, taking a computer course. I now work at Providence Renewal Centre as receptionist, hostess and computer operator. I moved away from Carbondale to Edmonton in November 1983, but am still very active in the Namao community. Murray and Theresa Stratton and their boys own and live on the home acreage in Carbondale.



Six week old Trisha Short meets Grandpa Leo Huber for the first time, August 27, 1973.

HUDSON, E. V. Ted and Kit

by daughter Esther Burk

E. V. Hudson passed away December 24, 1972. Kit stayed on the acreage until March 1980. She moved into Calder Place, a senior citizens' complex, where she still lives.

Grandson Gary married Judy in 1986. They have one daughter, Dayna. Granddaughter Peggy married Garry Wellman in 1983. They have two daughters, Laura and Chantel. Granddaughter Shirley married Paul Mercier in 1984. They have three daughters: Ashley, Kelsey and Rebecca. Grandson Jim and his wife, Connie, have one daughter, Katie.

Esther and Jim still live in the Calder area, where they have been since they married in 1957.

HUFF, Garnett

born July 7, 1899

eldest son of Abraham Sylvester Huff

Although Garnet and his loving wife, Francis, are no longer with us at this time of printing, I feel their presence in the community was most significant and worthy of mention. Their warm-hearted nature, zest for life, and love of animals will be remembered by many.

Information since Cameo of the West

Garnet and Francis continued to milk cows and sell cream. They later sublet the cultivated portion to the Sweetnam family and subsequently to Murray Huff after 1981. They had sold the farm in 1980, NW 19-54-23-W4. They maintained a lease to remain on the six acre farmstead portion thereafter.

The couple was very appreciative of assistance and support of many friends and neighbours, who helped out in times of need.

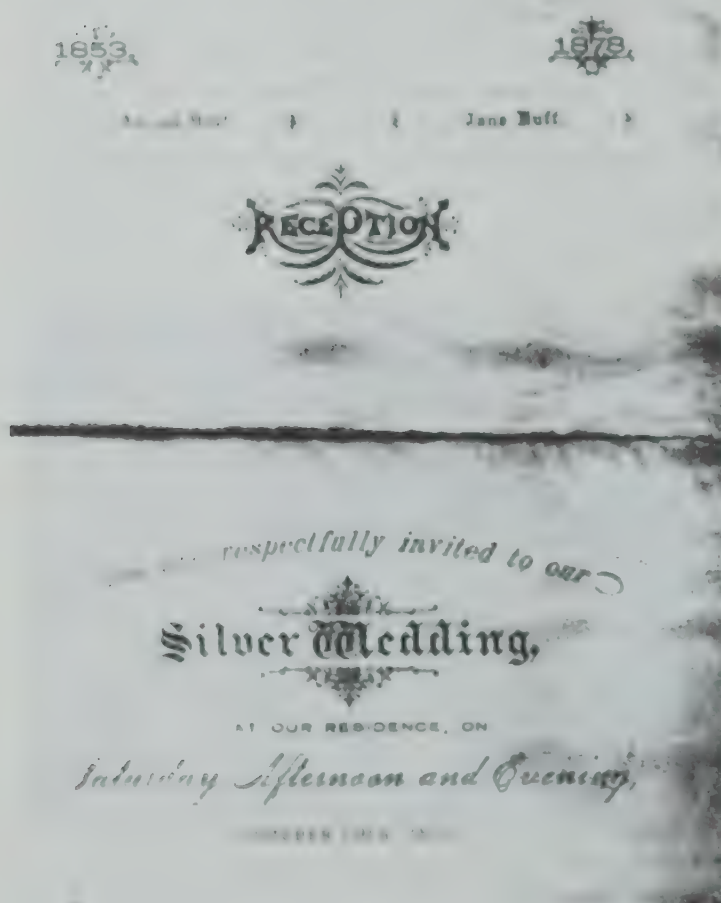
Francis passed away on October 3, 1983 and was buried in Evergreen Memorial Gardens.

After a lifetime of milking cows, Garnet found it too difficult to manage the livestock alone, so he sold them to a local dairy. He remained on the farmstead, by the Patricia Church, with the company of numerous dogs and cats. Friends and neighbours often dropped in to visit and exchange a few jokes and stories. The stories covered the peddling of milk by horse and wagon, the care of animals or making machinery work. They always had their unique charm when told by Garnet's deep voice. Garnet continued to operate a car and it was often seen parked at the neighbours' around supper time. In November of 1983 Garnet joined 175 area residents on a flight aboard a CFB Namao Hercules aircraft.

On March 5, 1989, Garnet passed away unexpectedly. He is sadly missed by many Namao area



Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Huff who sold their Namao road dairy farm to the dominion government for the new site of the army ordnance depot. Reported price for the 152 acres was in excess of \$40,000. Mr. Huff has been on the dairy farm more than 30 years.





97 Street Farm. Some of the farm buildings taken from the road.

residents and his family, who attended his services at Evergreen Memorial Gardens.

Though he had always been discreet about it, Garnet had been very generous in his support of many causes and of people in need. It was in the spirit of this generosity that several museums were given the opportunity to preserve certain items and photographs for their collection. Representatives of the Edmonton Archives, Fort Edmonton, The Provincial Museum, Stan Reynolds Alberta Museum, and the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village were gratified to see such a wonderful and complete collection. On May 7, 1989, a farm estate sale was held to disperse the remaining antiques and artifacts. Included were many items from the original Huff's Maple Leaf Dairy which Garnet's father, Abraham, had established on 97 Street when he came to the area in 1913. The original was where the present Griesbach Barracks is now.

Edith (Huff) English passed away in 1977. Her two daughters, Jean and Laurabelle, live in the Vancouver area.



Garnet and Francis Huff.

Reginald and his wife, Grace, recently moved to Edmonton after living several years in Red Deer, Alberta. Their daughter, Marion, and her husband, Bill Marchant, continue to farm near Mantario, Saskatchewan. They have four daughters: Marilyn, Barbara, Val and Karen. Reg's youngest son, Jim and his wife, Faye, now reside in Edmonton. They have three daughters: Heather, Lorraine and Shannon.

Grace (Huff) Thomas and her husband, Charles, still live in Claresholm, Alberta. The other twin, Gertrude, lost her husband, William Gray, when he passed away in 1982. Gertrude lives in Edmonton, Alberta.

Robert C. Huff (Reg's eldest son)

Robert continued to operate a grain and egg producing operation on 97 Street (Namao Road) until he sold the farm. He sold much of his equipment at auction and purchased a quarter section in the Horse Hill district from Jim Bentley, NW 17-54-23-W4. He built a new home and set up a grain operation at that location. Robert continues to farm with approximately 1,000 acres under cultivation.

Robert's four children: Brian, Bruce, Peggy and Murray attended Namao School. In 1970 they left the area with their mother, Agnes (Vowel), now Agnes Russell. Agnes moved to Camrose, Alberta where she owned and operated first a motel and later a custom drapery shop. She sold the shop in September 1989, but still lives and works in Camrose.

Brian and his wife, Joan, live in Edmonton. Brian is a power engineer and works for the city. They had twins (boy and girl) in 1987, and sadly their son Fraser passed away at age six months. Their daughter, Lauren, is a busy and healthy little girl. They are expecting twin boys in late April 1990.

Bruce worked for many years in the oil patch. He travelled widely, working rigs in Alberta, the Great Lakes, Oklahoma, Iran, Algeria, and offshore in the North Sea off Scotland. He is presently living in Edmonton taking Earth Resources at NAIT.

Margaret (Peggy) received a B.Ed. from the U. of A. in 1977. She taught and worked in the child care field for a number of years before joining her mother in the drapery shop for five years. She is presently living in Edmonton and is a journalism student at Grant MacEwan Community College.

Murray completed Grades 8 through 12 in Camrose, Alberta. After graduating, Murray

worked as an autobody mechanic and in related fields. In 1981 he returned to the Namao area and began farming with his father. In 1985 he was married in the Namao Church, and later that year he and his wife, Marilyn, purchased the greater portion of SE 9-55-23-W4, formerly Herbert Wold's place. Marilyn's daughters, Diane and Karen, lived on the farm for several years and now reside in Edmonton. Murray and Marilyn work together and enjoy their life on the farm and in the Namao community. They continue to operate a grain farming operation of approximately 850 cultivated acres.

HUNTER, Erwood Harvey, Family History

by E. May Hunter

Erwood Harvey Hunter was born July 30, 1919, in Edmonton. His mother, Susan Margaret (Aikens) Hunter, and his father, Harvey Carson Hunter, farmed in the Sunnyside and Namao districts. Erwood received his education at the Sunnyside School and worked on the farm with his parents until the age of 21, when he reported to Camrose, Alberta, for basic military training. After his basic training in Camrose, he was transferred to Ottawa to train as a nursing orderly, later being sent to the Vernon Military Hospital in Vernon, B.C. He was later posted overseas and was connected to the British Army at No. 4 General Hospital with RCAMC. He received his discharge at Calgary on January 30, 1946. After his discharge, he moved to the city and worked with his uncle, Alfred Lehman, his aunt Maud Hunter's husband, at Lehman Gas Appliances, making conversion burners for ranges, furnaces and water heaters.

On October 10, 1946, he married Edith May Mulligan, daughter of George and Ellen Mulligan, old time residents of the Bon Accord district. He worked at Lehman's Gas Appliances for approximately fourteen years, and as the demand for conversion burners became less, he decided to get into something else. He worked a year at No. 7 Supply Depot, Namao, in packaging and preservation. In early 1960 he heard of an opening at the Charles Camsell Hospital, so decided to go back to his old trade in the medical field, and applied for a position as orderly. At first he worked on the wards, and later transferred to the cast room, where I'm sure some of you people sampled his work. He retired from the Camsell Hospital on July 30, 1984, and was very active in the Calder Senior Citizens

group, and was looking forward to the new addition to their building. However, he passed away on January 2, 1986, and did not see the new building.

I still live in the house we had built in 1957 by a couple of Erwood's school chums from the district, Russell Coburn and Doug Bowman.

Erwood's father predeceased him in the early part of August of 1959, his mother in July of 1964. His father had one brother, Charles A. Hunter, who passed away in November, 1964. His aunt, Maud Hunter Lehman, his father's sister, passed away in 1969.

Erwood was a great sports fan and kept up with all the activities of hockey, football, etc. He was always ready to give my young nephews moral support when their own parents were not available.

He also loved to dance, and in our earlier years we attended quite a few of the local dances.

HUOT (ROBERTSON) Family

by Marilyn Huot

We moved into Carbondale in 1960 with a baby girl, Lanny, and bought a small house just north of Yeske's farm. Bob Robertson commuted daily to the CNR in Calder, where he worked as a carman. In the summer of 1961, we added to the two room house, making it a four room house. We also planted a windbreak, landscaped, and built a garage. In 1965 we dug a basement and moved the house onto it. There had been a rooming house from the mine on the site, and when the cat was digging the basement, it got tangled in old bed-springs and angle iron that had been buried. My cousin's son, Tom Bowman, fell into the new wet cement of the basement floor as soon as it was finished. Our daughter, Lanny, learned all kinds of new words during the basement digging and cement episode. In 1966 our baby son, Colin, came along, and Robert was born in 1971. Eight months later, on a very hot August night, we had a major house fire. Many friends and neighbors came to help and got our clothes and furniture out in time, but the house was not livable for four months. During this time the five of us lived in a small school bus converted into a camper.

In 1968, Mary Forest and I started the Namao Buttons and Bows 4-H Club. I remained as leader of the club for six years. During that time, 57 young girls learned to sew.

Bob passed away in the summer of 1974, and I had to find a job immediately. One of the jobs I worked at included a lot of travelling, so the kids

and I were able to travel to Disneyland many times together.

Lanny graduated from M.E. LaZerte in 1975, and went to Italy with her Grade 12 class that year. In 1977 she went to NAIT and took a two year course in Radio and Television Arts.

I remarried in 1981 to Raymond Huot. Ray and I helped to organize the Namao Fire Department, and were active members until we moved.

Colin took all his schooling at Namao and graduated in 1984. He moved to the city where he worked until his death in the summer of 1988.

Lanny was married in 1986 to Bernie Boutin. Bernie had lived in Carbondale when he was a child. Lanny and Bernie now reside just south of Redwater, and Lanny works at T and D Service.

Ray and I moved to Collinton in 1988 so that we could be closer to Ray's work. Ray is a high school teacher in Grassland, and I am raising Angora rabbits and spinning their hair for wool.

Robert has taken all his schooling at Namao and is currently in Grade 12 at Sturgeon Composite High School.

Hutchings, Agnes

by Mary Shaw, granddaughter

Agnes Hutchings died at Edmonton, on October 19, 1930, aged 74.

Herbert Hutchings died at Edmonton, on November 22, 1955, aged 74.

Frank Hutchings died at Edmonton, on April 21, 1974, aged 86.

Olive McGray died at San Luis Obispo, California, on July 1, 1977, aged 80.

Margaret Shaw died at Edmonton, on January 5, 1980, aged 96.

Pearl Adsit died at Sidney, B.C., on April 8, 1980, aged 91.

Helen R. (Nell) Green died at Sacramento, California, on September 2, 1984, aged 93.



Back Row, L-R: 1st Eva Marie Hutchings — married — 1st William Williams, 2nd Jacob Mahan 1889-1967, Eva was born in 1889. 2nd Sarah Meach Hutchings — married — 1st William Harrold, 2nd Frank Lemley, Sarah was born in 1888. 3rd Harriet Gifford Hutchings — married — 1st Sam Barnett, Harriet was born in 1886. 4th Frederick George Hutchings — married — Mary Jane Bibaud (Jenny) 1884-1958. 5th Mabel Grace Hutchings — married Archibald McDairmaid (Archie), Mabel was born in 1882. 6th Blanche Estella Hutchings — married — Hayward Rowswell 1880. Blanche was born. Front Row L-R: 1st Emma Hutchings (Emily) — married — Sidney Jeffery, Emma was born 1892. 2nd Thomas Gifford Hutchings — married — Sarah Jone Stanton, Thomas was born 1851. 3rd Sarah Jone Stanton — married — Thomas Gifford Hutchings, Sarah was born 1853. 4th Mildred Jone Hutchings — married — Robert Craig, Mildred was born in 1894 and passed away in 1963.

Adorene (Rene) Logan died at Edmonton, on November 8, 1988, aged 94.

JEFFERY, William, Sidney, Fred and Harold

During the period between 1900 and 1907, four young men, Billy, Sidney, Fred and Harold Jeffery left their ancestral home in the beautiful resort belt of Somerset, England, and their nine brothers and sisters, to answer the call of the prairies. Billy left England at the age of sixteen in the year 1900 and went to Texas to learn the art of farming from his Uncle Richard. Later, Sidney joined Billy in Texas. They decided to explore further so set out west for California. While working there, they heard of the land opportunities that awaited settlers in the western provinces of Canada so they headed North. They travelled by boat from California and arrived in Vancouver, B.C. This was in the early 1900s, and they departed immediately via train for Edmonton, Alberta, at which place they were joined by their brothers, Harold and Fred. Employment was varied and plentiful. Edmonton was growing and the brothers worked all summer on road construction for the city of Edmonton. Soon they were able to purchase a team and wagon and set out on a trek across the southwestern part of the province following the paths and trails to Tomahawk. Not far from Tomahawk they were able to take advantage of the government offer of 160 acres to each man for the sum of \$10.00, with a three year contract in order to prove that they would be genuine farmers by erecting buildings and breaking thirty acres of soil. During the extremely cold weather of 1907, they lived in a tent heated by a cook-stove and small heater. This territory had no name so the brothers decided to call the central location Rocky Rapids because of the nearness to the rapids on the Saskatchewan River. This name was submitted to the government and accepted.

During the spring many other settlers followed who hoped to carve farms from this new land, and a settlement was started. Soon an application for a Post Office was submitted which was granted to them in a short time. The Jeffery brothers received the contract for the delivery of the mail from Tomahawk to Rocky Rapids.

During the winters the brothers worked in logging camps, and in the summer Billy and Fred broke land while Sidney and Harold worked on farms near the city. They walked the hundred miles into the city and back in the fall, again to work

in the logging camps. Eventually they received their patents on the homesteads.

As they gained title to their homesteads, the three younger boys were quick to recognize the difference between farms upon which they were raised in England and this land — so far from markets, railroads, or even the crudest of roads. They sold their interest to Billy (William) and returned to work upon, then rent and eventually buy farms closer to Edmonton.

JEFFERY, William (Billy)

Billy stayed on at Rocky Rapids, built the usual farm buildings and carried on as a part-time rancher, buying cattle in the spring and marketing this stock as beef to the lumber camps on the south-side of the Saskatchewan River in the fall and winter. However, with the outbreak of the first World War, many industries in Canada closed down, and lumbering was one of the first to be so affected, and thus Billy lost the market for his beef. In 1917 Billy married Jean Kew of Rocky Rapids. Also, in 1917, they left Rocky Rapids and moved to Sunnyside. They rented a farm and this is where their family of six children were born: E. Maxine, Alice, Valna, Reta, Janet and James. Billy began to build up a herd of dairy cows, and so spent the next nine years. About this time, Sidney and Billy began to long for a milder climate and another move was made. On December 1, 1926, they, with their families, arrived in the British Columbia Fraser Delta where William and Jean lived until their deaths. William passed away December 25, 1965, at the age of 86. E. Maxine married Rudy Wares and they have three children. Alice married James L. McGregor and they have two children. Valna married Ken Ligate and they have three girls. Reta Jeffery was never married and has passed away. Janet married Harry Highland and they have four children. James married Alison Blaxland and they have five children.

JEFFERY, Sidney

Sidney moved to the Sunnyside District with Harold and Fred. In 1919 he married Emily Hutchings, daughter of Tom Hutchings of the Poplar Lake District. They had six children: T. (Thomas) Gifford, John, Joyce, Sidney Jr., Barbara and Fred. In 1926 Sidney moved his family to the British Columbia Fraser Delta with Billy and his family. Gifford, John, Joyce and Sidney Jr. were born in Edmonton, while Barbara and Fred were born in New Westminster. Soon the lure of the



L-R: Harold Jeffery, Edna Jeffery and Sidney Jeffery.

Western prairies brought them back for more adventures in the farming industry. Around 1932 the family moved to Eckville, Alberta, purchasing land and continuing to farm. Later they moved to Poplar Lake, then on to Cherhill, and finally back to Edmonton. In 1962 Sidney purchased 13 acres of land from Bob Jeffery, son of Harold. He and Emily remained in Sunnyside for many years. Sidney died on April 3, 1971, (one day later than his brother, Fred, in England, and on the same day his nephew, Bob, died in 1964.) Emily moved into Edmonton, and their son, John, remained in Sunnyside. Emily passed away in November 1987, at the age of 95.

T. Gifford married Delma Dale and they had two sons. They lived in Whitecourt for several years, then moved to Salt Springs Island, B.C. Gifford passed away in 1982. Delma still resides in B.C. Their eldest son, Gary, married Sharon Probst and they have four children. They reside in Whitecourt. David has remained in Salt Spring Island.

John lived in Sunnyside with his parents for many years. After Emily moved to Edmonton, he remained on the acreage and continued to farm. He married Paula Switzer and they lived in Sunnyside until 1985, when he sold out to Ed and Linda Roffey. John and Paula live in Westbank, B.C.

Joyce married Bill Allan and they had four children: Bill (William), Debra, Wendy and Sharon. Joyce and Bill lived in Sunnyside until the mid 1960s, when they moved to Edmonton, and then to St. Albert. Bill Jr. lives in Edmonton. Debra married Barry Hall and they had one daughter, Paige. Debra passed away in January 1988, at the age of 32. Barry and Paige reside in St. Albert.

Wendy married Jerry Fuller and they live in Edmonton. Sharon married Duncan Proudfoot and they also reside in Edmonton.

Sidney Jr. married Betty Gibbons of the Poplar Lake District. They have five children: Marilyn, Patsy, Gordon, Kathy and Kevin, and they now reside in Barrhead. Marilyn has two daughters, Nova and Francis, and lives in the Peace Country. Patsy has remained in Edmonton. Gordon married Charlene and they have one son, Tyler, and are expecting twins. They live in Hinton. Kathy lives in New Mexico with her two daughters, Melanie and Lindsay. Kevin has remained in Barrhead.

Barbara married Ron Goeglein and they have one daughter, Syndey. They lived on a farm in Tofield for many years and have now moved into the town of Tofield. Syndey married Donald Ware and they reside on the family farm.

Fred married Violet Mann and they have two daughters, Bernadette and Diane. Both girls reside in Edmonton and are continuing their education. Fred and Violet also live in Edmonton.

JEFFERY, Fred

In 1912 Fred moved to the Sunnyside district with his brothers. He rented a "Coburn" farm and five years later purchased it. Fred decided to return to England after farming here for many years, and purchased another farm. While in England, in 1952, he married Mary Jennings of Somerset. Fred and Mary again came West and resided in Edmon-



L-R: Fred Jeffery and Mary Jeffery (Somerset, England).

ton. They always retained their interest in Sunnyside, but in 1962, returned to England for their remaining years. Fred passed away on April 2, 1971, and Mary has remained in Somerset. She still keeps in touch with her many nieces and nephews in Canada.

JEFFERY, Harold

Harold also moved to Sunnyside in 1912 and rented a "Coburn" farm. He purchased the farm in 1917. In 1925 Harold married Edna Lindsay, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lindsay, a pioneer family of Clover Bar. They had two sons, J. Robert (Bob) and Harley. Harold and Edna remained in Sunnyside for many years while they continued to farm and raise their sons. In their later years they moved into Edmonton, and Bob and his family moved into the family home. Harold passed away February 6, 1963, and Edna on June 6, 1974.

John Robert (Bob) married Evelyn Pearse on April 4, 1951, and they had two daughters, Terri Lynne and Betty Colleen. Bob was tragically killed while working on his truck on April 3, 1964. Evelyn built a home on the quarter-section of land directly west of the Jeffery homestead and moved there with her children in 1965. In 1967, Evelyn



Edna Jeffery, Harold Jeffery, Ivan Lindsay (Edna's Brother), Bob Jeffery and Harley Jeffery.

married Don Griffiths of Truro, Nova Scotia, and they still reside in Sunnyside. Terri married Jim Beaton in 1975 and they have two children. Jaimie Colleen was born in 1982 and Jeffery Hollis



L-R: Bob Jeffery, Terri Jeffery (Beaton), Evelyn Jeffery (Griffiths), Colleen Jeffery (Caspowe), 1958.

in 1985. Terri and Jim live in Hewitt Estates, south of Bon Accord. Colleen married Dennis Caspowe in 1981 and they also have two children. Jessica Lynne was born in 1983 and Kelly Suzanne in 1985. Dennis and Colleen live on the same quarter-section as Evelyn and Don.

Harley Ivan married Audrey Reid on November 15, 1958 and they have two daughters, Laurie Ann and Donna Mae. They lived in Edmonton for several years and moved onto the Fred Jeffery farm in the early 1970s. Laurie and Donna both reside in Edmonton, and Harley and Audrey still live in Sunnyside.

JENSEN, Gunnar

Gunnar Jensen, the second of three children, was born November 14, 1927, on a farm in Denmark. He attended school locally and worked on farms in the area until the age of 21.

Having decided it was time to see more of the world, Gunnar set sail for Canada August 3, 1949. Seventeen days later he landed in Edmonton. During his first year in Canada he worked on farms at Chauvin and Wetaskiwin. Following that were a few assorted construction and warehouse positions.

A five year position with the oil rigs allowed Gunnar to travel throughout Alberta.

In 1955, Gunnar entered into a partnership with a friend for a bulk business service station. They decided to sell their business five years later.

On December 7, 1957, Gunnar married Hazel McLay. They lived in Edmonton near the service station.

On their first anniversary, their first child, Iven, was born. Grant, their second son, was born April 1, 1962.

Following the death of Hazel's brother, Russell McLay, in 1962, Gunnar, Hazel, and their boys moved out to Russell's half section, N. ½ 6-55-24 W4, where they have lived ever since.

March 18, 1964, provided Terry, the third in a trio of boys.

All three boys attended school at Namao. Gunnar drove a school bus for eleven years, with most of his runs delivering students to the local high school.

Iven completed his pipefitter trade ticket; Grant completed his cook trade ticket; Terry completed his carpentry trade ticket. All three are enjoying employment in their trades.

Iven married Brenda Gray, from St. Albert, in August 1986, and they now live in Morinville.

Grant lives in Edmonton.

Terry married Debbie Schlereth, also from St. Albert, in November 1988, and they reside in St. Albert.

JONES, Mr. and Mrs. Albert

written by Viola Jones

Albert (Bert) and Viola were married in 1947 at Westlock, and lived at Carbondale, Alberta, where Bert worked in the Penn mine. In 1949, they moved to Jeffrey where they farmed a half section of land. Bert and Vi had three children: Gary Frederick, born August 9, 1947; Valerie Gay, born July 14, 1952; and Terri-Lynn, born January 5, 1954. Viola was seven months pregnant with Terri-Lynn when she contracted polio in November 1953. The baby was delivered at the University of Alberta Hospital in Edmonton while Vi was being treated for the disease.

Babe and Roy, as well as Katie and Frank Davis, raised Terri for the first six months, at their farm at Namao. In May 1954, Viola came home from hospital and, on the first of July, Terri was brought back to her.

Viola received help from a hired housekeeper for the first few months. After that, the family was able to manage on its own, but not without many trials and tribulations. While Gary, age seven, was helping his dad crush grain, he accidentally caught his foot in the drive belt to the crusher, breaking his leg and cracking his hip. Gary was taken to Westlock Hospital, where he was placed in a full body cast. With braces, canes, wheelchairs, body cast, an infant and a two year old, the house

looked more like a hospital than a home. One Saturday night, the family decided to go to a drive-in movie. This meant that pillows had to be stacked in the backseat so that Gary, with his full body cast, could see the screen. Valerie was two years old and was the only one who didn't need to be carried to the car. After the movie, with Val asleep, Bert became a human packhorse.

In October 1956, the Jones family moved to Edmonton where Bert got a job as a truck driver with the Canwest Seed Company. Farming was continued on weekends and holidays until the land was sold in 1967. In 1958 the Joneses bought a new home in Wellington where Viola lives today. Bert bought his first truck in 1962, starting his own trucking business called A. Jones Trucking. The company grew to a total of four trucks at one point. He continued in this business until his untimely death on August 26, 1976 at the age of 52 years. Viola continued with the business until 1983.

Gary joined the Edmonton City Police Department (now the Edmonton Police Service) as a cadet constable on November 25, 1965. He enrolled in recruit class #26 in September 1967, graduating in December that same year. In April 1969, Gary married Joanne Trach and later moved to Sherwood Park where they live now. Gary and Joanne have two boys: Todd Garry, born June 20, 1972, and Trevor Dean, born November 14, 1974. Both attend Salisbury Composite High School in Sherwood Park. Joanne works as a library clerk at Ardrossan High School.

Gary was promoted to the rank of detective in the Fraud and Commercial Crime Section in 1978. In March 1983, he was chosen to implement Edmonton's Crime Stoppers Program. In September of the same year, he helped establish a province wide Crime Stoppers Program. Some of the highlights of Gary's career are: October 16, 1985, he was chosen Crime Stoppers International Coordinator of the year; November 5, 1985, he was presented with the Provincial Crime Prevention Award by the Alberta Solicitor General; December 31, 1985, Edmonton's Crime Stoppers Program was voted third most productive in North America and the most productive in Canada. September 13, 1986, Gary coordinated and hosted the first Crime Stoppers International Conference ever held in Canada. September 18, 1986, he was elected to the Crime Stoppers International Board of Directors. September 10, 1987, Edmonton's Crime Stoppers Program received an international award as the most productive Crime Stoppers Program in North America. October 12, 1987, Gary was

promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant in charge of Criminal Investigation Section, Jasper Place Division. April 25, 1988, he was selected to implement the Edmonton Police Department's new Youth Unit in Criminal Investigation Division and became the Staff Sergeant in charge. January 29, 1990, he was promoted to the rank of Inspector and transferred to Strathcona Station acting as Duty Officer/Watch Commander.

Valerie graduated from High School in 1971. In July of the same year, she commenced work as Nursing Assistant at the Norwood Auxiliary Hospital. She married John Cramer in 1972, and they have three boys: Dwayne Scott, born October 30, 1972; Dean Allen, born August 5, 1975; and Dwight John, born October 29, 1978. John Cramer is self-employed in the trucking business. The Cramers live in the Wellington district in Edmonton. Valerie does school and community volunteer work and has accepted a position at the Wellington Junior High School working with the dependent handicapped.

Terri graduated from high school in 1973 and was employed as a switch board operator/receptionist at Western Hardware in Edmonton. She married John Pratch on August 31, 1974. They have three boys: Clint Albert, born April 6, 1977; Dustin John, born March 25, 1980; and Chad Derrick, born May 31, 1983. In 1987 John suffered a severe heart attack at the age of 32, but recovered well enough to return to work within a few months. John works as a building contractor, and Terri is employed as an office manager with Minolta Canada Ltd.

JORGENSEN, Ornal Edward

Ornal was born in Indian Head, Saskatchewan, March 24, 1929 to Archie and Kathleen Jorgensen. Kathleen was the daughter of Arthur and Esther Bowers, who homesteaded and founded the present city of Airdrie in 1901, along with Esther's brother, William Croxford. Kathleen was a registered nurse, and was the first civil service nurse employed by the Provincial Government, a position she held from 1943 to 1968. Archibald Henry Jorgensen came to Canada from Winona, Minnesota, with his parents. His father, Anton, was one of the first journeyman linemen to work for the City of Calgary Electric Light and Power Department.

Ornal's public school education was in Calgary and Edmonton. He attended SAIT, where he

received his Journeyman Electrician's Certificate, and completed his Masters in Edmonton in 1957. He operated his own electrical contracting business from 1959 to 1981. He served for two terms as president of the Electrical Contractors Association of Alberta, Edmonton Chapter, and was active in the provincial association. He is a life member with the Edmonton Flying Club, and is a director with the Edmonton (Host) Lions Club, and the North Saskatchewan Valley Foundation, administering Lions Kensington Court housing project for senior citizens.

Ruth Elizabeth (Betty) Brown and Ornal were married in February 1954, in Calgary. Betty was the daughter of William Edward (Ted) and Ada (Bowers) Brown. Betty's father came from England, to his cousin's farm at Chailey, Alberta in 1912. There he met Ada, daughter of William Henry and Clara Hanna Rostron Bowers, who came to Canada from England in 1906 and homesteaded also in the Chailey district. When Ted returned from overseas after World War I, he and Ada married. They homesteaded in the Craighend district, seventeen miles south of Lac La Biche. The family moved to Calgary in 1942.

Betty and Ornal moved to Edmonton in 1955. They had five children. Their first born, Beth, died in infancy. Keith, born in 1957, graduated from the University of Saskatchewan as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and lives in Calgary. Laura, born in 1958, lives in Burnaby with her son, Philip. She is employed with Bell Technical Services in Vancouver. David, born in 1962, married Lorraine Golden Schoonmaker in July 1984. They have two children, Michelle Patricia and Denby Gordon Edward. David received his Journeyman Electrician Certificate at NAIT and is presently employed as foreman with Dillingham Construction at Whitecourt. David and Lorraine live in Sturgeon View Estates. Anna was born in 1963. She married Jeffrey Thomas Hermeston. They are now separated. Anna is employed as assistant to the buyer for Henry Singer Group and lives in Edmonton.

Ornal, Betty and the family moved to Sturgeon View Estates in the summer of 1974. Laura attended school at M.E. LaZerte and Alberta College. David and Anna attended Namao Junior High but finished their high school in the city. When the family business closed in 1981, Ornal began building a second home in Sturgeon View. Betty has served on the Namao Community League, and both have been active in the Namao United Church.

JUNKIN, Archie

by Ruby Gibson

Casey James Archie Junkin was born in Fenelon Falls, Ontario on November 18, 1904.



Archie and Philip Gibson on his tractor.

When he came west he worked first on the John Turnbull farm. He then worked for Tom and Jack Atkinson as well as on the Marg Craig farm. He then went to work at Will Craig's in 1935. Starting in 1936, he worked for Fred McLay for six years. He set up farming at Jack and Gladys McLay's original farm next to Cyrus Gibson and raised pigs and cattle. He also worked at the Starkey Mine at the same time.

Archie broke his back while working at the mine in the spring of 1947 and was unable to work. He then moved to land owned by Frank McLay to live in an old house that belonged to Frank Flynn. Archie farmed that quarter, purchased by the Starkey Mine, in order to feed the horses owned



Archie on his 59th Birthday.

by the mine. Cyrus Gibson and Ed Crozier helped Archie with his farming. Archie always had a large garden and could cook very well as a bachelor. After the mine was sold, Archie moved to the little house in Harold and Mary Clark's yard. He lived there until his death on February 3, 1980, in Calgary, while visiting his sister, Vivian. Archie was buried in Fenelon Falls, Ontario. A memorial service was held in Namao United Church on February 20, 1980.



Archie Junkin, 1970.

KERNAHAN, Brian

Brian Thomas Kernahan was born in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba on April 1, 1950. He moved to the Namao area in 1961 with his mother and father, William and Evelyn Kernahan, and his sisters and brothers.

After Brian graduated from Victoria Composite High School in Edmonton, he entered NAIT and became an electrician. He continued to help his father on the grain farm while he worked in his trade. On April 28, 1973, Brian married Valerie Morice, and in December of that year they bought a quarter section in the Sturgeon Valley on Highway 28. They live in the original house built by the McPeaks in 1914 and have done extensive renovations, including landscaping the surrounding yard with shelterbelts of poplar, willow and spruce.

Brian and Valerie have four children: Ceryl Marie, (1975), Laurie Elizabeth, (1976), Steven William, (1979) and David Thomas, (1982). In 1979 Brian formed Riverside Sod and Nursery Ltd. and is presently carrying on that business with his wife and children.

KERNAHAN, William T. and Evelyn

William and Evelyn Kernahan were born in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, in the year 1925.

They settled in the Namao area in 1961, purchasing the Breitreuz farm. In 1963, they expanded their cattle and grain business by acquiring the adjacent quarter section to the east of their home quarter.

In 1966, William and Evelyn built the bungalow that they presently reside in. They have six children.

Lorraine Lynn was born in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, August 16, 1947. She married George Parker of Edmonton. They presently reside on an acreage in the Onoway area with their two children, Glenn Colin, (1975) and Karyn Danielle, (1976).

Brian Thomas was also born in Portage la Prairie, April 1, 1950, and resides with his family in the Namao area.

Linda June was born in Portage la Prairie, March 26, 1953 and married Donald Smith of Edmonton. They presently live on an acreage in Bonnyville and have two girls, Carrie Elizabeth, (1978) and Janet Evelyn, (1981).

William Patrick, born in Edmonton, September 13, 1958; Ronald John born September 18, 1961; and Thomas Randall, born October 6, 1965, all grain farm with their father in the Namao area.

KERR, Pearl

Updated by Bonnie Pearson

Pearl was born on March 26, 1904, to John Marcus Kerr and Myra Thorpe. She received her education at Namao School. Pearl married Howard Latimer on December 1, 1921. They farmed for awhile on the Fowler farm. Then, in 1926, they bought their own farm, riverlot 64, from James Cust. Pearl and Howard had three children: Carson, born in December 1922; Ruth, November 1924; and Bonnie, July 1947. My mother worked along right beside my dad while running the farm and raising her three children. She also found the time to take care of her niece, Reta Gilbert, after Reta's father died. Mother belonged to the United Farm Women's Association, the Old Timers' Association and was a dedicated member of the Namao United Church. I can not remember my mother sitting. She was busy with either the two gardens or making bread. Back then, it was all canning, and Mother always felt she was feeding an army. Winter was hard work with the animals, and Mother had more time to work in the house. My mother loved people and always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. She died at home on November 4, 1957. Howard also died



L-R: Myra and John Kerr, Howard and Pearl Latimer, Isabel and Jim Chapman, Elvina and Alvin Kerr. Front: Carson Latimer and Roy Chapman.

at home on September 26, 1959. Their oldest son, Carson, served in France, Holland, Belgium, and Germany during World War II for five years. In 1942 Carson married Stella Pratta from Niagara Falls. Carson started a thirty year career in 1946, working in a wire weaving factory. They had a son, William, born May 28, 1947. He married Sharon Hegelhemer in 1970. Bill and Sharon have lived in Edmonton since August, 1984. Carson came back to Alberta to retire in 1977. Carson died in Edmonton on August 29, 1986. Ruth served in World War II as well. She was stationed in Calgary until the war was over. She moved to Vancouver and married William Booke July 10, 1948. They have two sons: Gordon, born April 18, 1949, and Howard, born February 11, 1954. Gordon is a bachelor and works as a library technician for U.B.C. Howard works in Calgary for Canada Post and is married to Rebecca Guanzan from the Philippines. Their daughter, Sarah, was born in October 1988, and they are expecting their second child in May 1990. After Ruth's husband retired from the police force, they started travelling worldwide. They now live in Burnaby, B.C.

After I, Bonnie, spent twelve years on the farm, and following the death of my parents, I lived with my sister, Ruth, for 6½ years. I came back to Edmonton in 1968 and lived in St. Albert until 1984. I left St. Albert to move to B.C.; however, I came back in 1988 to live in St. Albert. I have four children: Cameron, born 1969, lives with me and works in St. Albert. Valerie, born 1971, married Daniel Lee in July 1989. They live and work in Surrey, B.C. Kimberly, born in 1977, and Adam, born in 1981, attend school in St. Albert.

KERR, Alvin

updated by Bonnie Pearson

Alvin was the third child of John and Myra

Kerr. He attended the Namao School. Alvin left the farm at a early age. He spent a number of years prospecting in the North and around Great Bear Lake. Alvin married Pat Howie in 1938. They had three children. Douglas was born in Kimberly, B.C., April 27, 1943. He has two children: Micheal John, born July 16, 1964, and Kathleen Louise, born September 8, 1967. Kathleen married John Lewis on September 17, 1989. Doug married Villa Brown October 8, 1985. Doug is a college professor for Pierce College; his wife, Villa, is a banker, and they live in Fox Island, Washington, U.S.A. Alvin's second son, John Collin, was also born in Kimberly, B.C., April 4, 1944. Collin has four children: Kimberly, born May 12, 1964; Stuart, June 18, 1966; Shuan, June 15, 1967; Jason, May 12, 1971. Collin is a senior paramedic for the Seattle Fire Department and is also on the board of the King's County Disaster Team. Collin married Eva Martin November 10, 1979. She is a meat-packer and they live in Puyallup, Washington, U.S.A. Alvin's daughter was born in Olympia on November 8, 1949. She married Raymond Moreau in 1968. Karen is in college to be a teacher, and her husband is an electrician. They have four children: Eric, April 21, 1969; Aron, September 15, 1970; Nathan, January 27, 1972; Elizabeth, January 2, 1980. Alvin was prospecting in Mexico. He retired ten years ago and now lives in Sinaloa, Mexico, all year round. As of March 1990, Alvin is 89 years old and is still active.



Back: John Kerr. Front: Elvina, Alvin, Myra, and Pearl Kerr

KIBBLEWHITE Family

by *W. J. Kibblewhite*

I, Bill Kibblewhite, was born in the New Lunnon district of Alberta in 1904 and lived there for the next 21 years.

In 1926, I bought a farm in the Busby area, living there for the following 15 years. In 1927, I married Beth Spencer, the girl next door, as is often said. Beth was born in Morden, Manitoba in 1906. Prior to the family moving to Busby, they lived in B.C. and Edmonton. We had two children while living in Busby. Mayva was born in 1928 and Donald in 1929, fifteen months later. By that time, we were entering the depression of the '30s which lasted for 10 years, bringing more downs than ups. Mayva and Don are retired and living in Edmonton. Mayva's husband, Ben, passed away about four years ago. Don's wife, Mary, has also passed away. Don spent 33 years with the Edmonton Fire Department before retiring.

While we only had two of a family, we now have 26 grand- and great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren who help to keep us young.

While most of our life was spent on a farm, we are now living in Edmonton. We always enjoyed living wherever we were and made many friends whom we often see.

KIESER, Joseph

by *Florence (Kieser) Vranas*

My father, Joseph A. Kieser, was the second son of William and Katherina Kieser (nee Ackermann). He was born March 23, 1894, on a farm near Waterville, Washington, U.S.A.

His parents, William and Katherina, having emigrated from Germany at different times, were married October 9, 1890, in Dane County, Wisconsin, and eventually moved to their first homestead near Waterville, Washington.

In 1894, William heard from former neighbors, the Gerard Juckmes family, who had come to Western Canada in 1893. They reported that good farming land was in abundance, so he came himself to check this out.

Finding things to his liking, he returned to Waterville to sell his land and make preparations to move to this new country that would be his final home.

In May of 1895, Joseph's parents set out for Canada travelling by covered wagon. By now, they had a young family of four children. The eldest, William, was almost four years old, Bertha, two

and a half, Joseph, one, and Charles only a few weeks old, being born April 23.

They brought with them the few household possessions room permitted in the crowded wagon. One precious item was Katherina's black spinning wheel. They also had some livestock, plows, tools, etc. Leaving Waterville, they ferried across the Columbia River at which time the startled horses threw William into the water. Luck was with him, as his pants caught on a projecting spike and he was able to pull himself back up onto the ferry.

At Osoyoos, they crossed the border into Canada, then over the mountain trail to again ferry, this time across Okanagan Lake to Sicamous.

In 1984, my brother, Albin Kieser (third son of Joseph's), retraced his grandparents' travels from U.S.A. to Canada. He was rewarded by finding an entry made by the keeper of the ferry at Osoyoos, in May of 1895. It listed the name of William Kieser and wife, with a family of four small children. Also listed were descriptions of his horses with brands, some other livestock, household goods, plows, etc., and the total value of all.

The Kiesers then travelled by CPR train to Calgary. Finally, they arrived in Strathcona (South Edmonton at the time) where they made their final ferry crossing over the North Saskatchewan River.

They proceeded through Edmonton, which was not very large at this time, and continued on north until they arrived at the home of their friends, the Gerard Juckmes on NE 2-55-25-W4, directly across the road from where the Rose Ridge School would eventually be built.

A few weeks later, they moved into a 12' x 15' log shack with a sod roof situated on NW 13-55-25-W4. William had bought this quarter of land from a Metis for an undisclosed amount of cash plus one of his fine horses the man wished



William and Katherina Kieser Log Homestead House and Cattle.

to own. Having arrived in June, a garden was even planted that first year.

Two years later, William had a large log house built across the road to the west on NE 14-55-25-W4, his homestead land. As the years passed, he and his sons acquired much more land.

The couple were blessed with six more children after their arrival in Canada: Leonard, Annie, Louise, Theresia, John and Herman.

William and Katherina were both well educated and wished their children to have the opportunity to attend school as well.

On April 7, 1896, a year after he arrived, William Kieser, Patrick T. Flynn and James Jenkins were instrumental in having the Rose Ridge Roman Catholic School District No. 45 established, and these three men were the first trustees.

In December of 1896, they borrowed five hundred dollars to build and furnish a log school that was located on the NW corner of 1-55-25-W4.

This log building was replaced by a frame one-room school in 1910. Mr. B. Shultz of Namao was treasurer at this time when two thousand five hundred dollars was borrowed to complete the building, including a full basement and all furnishings. The log building then became the barn.

Joseph, "Joe" as he was known, and William Jr., "Bill", and the older children of William and Katherina did not have much time to attend steady classes, as there was much work to be done those early years with the clearing of land and other farm work. All the children worked hard with their parents to eke out a future in this new land that was to be home to all of them and many future generations as well.

Some of the boys worked in the coal mines at Cardiff some winters, if time permitted, to help supplement the family's income.



L-R: Joe and Carl Kieser at parents' homestead.

The Kiersers always welcomed visiting neighbors and friends and enjoyed singing and attending dances at the school, in Cardiff or Morinville. They often gathered around the beautiful organ they bought in 1909 to sing in harmony. No matter how much work was to be done, time was found on Sundays after attending Mass in Morinville to return visits to friends or have them over for a meal.

Katherina was well known as a midwife and volunteer nurse in the Morinville and Cardiff area, where her services were in demand when sickness struck. Her trim black buggy and horse named "Pete" were a welcome sight at these times.

Joe and Bill married sisters, Laura and Clara Stemper, respectively, in 1919, in a double wedding ceremony in Morinville. They both acquired land in the Rose Ridge district and lived only one mile apart. Their children all attended the school through the years, as well as some of Charles' and the eldest of Herman's.



Double Wedding of Bill and Joe Kieser (brothers) married Clara and Laura Stemper (sisters) on July 31, 1919.

In 1948, Rose Ridge School was closed for good. At this time, rural children were then bussed to larger centralized schools.

All of William and Katherina's children married except Theresia, and lived in the Morinville and Rose Ridge districts.

In 1919, William and Katherina moved to Morinville and their spacious home welcomed relatives and friends alike. William died May 1, 1930 and Katherina February 27, 1937. They had generously supported the community they had helped to build.

The youngest child, Herman, remained on the original homestead. He married Anasthasia Thomas in 1938 and together they raised a family of eight, four sons and four daughters. They have now retired to Morinville and three of their sons have made their homes on the two original quarters of land. Herman is the lone survivor of the William Kieser family.

I am the youngest daughter of Joseph A. and Laura Kieser. A son of Leonard, my father's brother, is also named Joseph, and teaches in the Sturgeon School District at this time.

My parents had a family of nine children: Margaret, Annie, Adolph, Christina, Doris, Florence (myself), Arthur, Albin and Howard. Doris succumbed to diabetes when she was eleven years old.

Though times were hard, especially in the thirties, my parents worked hard to provide a decent living for all of us. Living on a farm, we had good wholesome food, most of which was produced at home. Few additional groceries were needed.

Mom's excellent homemade bread was always welcome, and expecially so when we returned from school on a cold winter afternoon, to enter the house filled with the aroma of a fresh baked batch cooling on the table, straight from the oven.

How many of us experiencing this would not be guilty of slicing off a great portion of warm crust (you could get more from a round loaf); then savoring it, covered with homemade butter!

All of us had our allotted chores to do. The youngest would keep the woodbox filled and pick the eggs.

As we grew older and stronger, we carried in water from the well to fill the reservoir attached to the side of the stove, brought in coal, emptied the stove ashes, milked cows, separated the cream from the milk and then fed the skimmed milk to the calves. Others helped Mom with the cooking, laundry, ironing, churning the cream into butter, peeling great mounds of potatoes, picking weeds from the garden, and the girls even helped Dad

with the field work, when necessary. He, of course, was always busy, as all farmers were.

One necessary job no one enjoyed was emptying the "chamber pail". When I was strong enough it had progressed to the fashionably concealed five gallon sized pail. It took great skill and concentration to maneuver down the narrow pathway through deep snow on your way to the out-house and still avoid spilling any of the contents on yourself.

And remember the finger-numbing job of hanging the warm freshly laundered clothing on the outdoor clothesline? Your fingers and the un-hung clothing were both stiff with cold before you could finish, only to later wrestle the board-hard items off the line again and somehow fit them through the doorway as you re-entered the house.

Most farm children, I believe, packed down the hay as it was thrown into the loft of the barn, and were probably sent up into near full grain bins at times to shovel back the remains of the last load of grain that was elevated through a small hole in the roof.

Both jobs were hot and itchy and especially so when the older children "just happened" to misdirect a forkfull of hay onto the youngsters as they tried to get away.

Yes, work, but fun as well.

In winter, when there was more time after supper, we enjoyed many happy times singing in harmony, with Adolph accompanying on the guitar, competing in acrobatics or learning various dances while Dad played the harmonica.

Our mother has always enjoyed all aspects of gardening. She is the last survivor of the John Stemper and her stepfather, Theodore Iske, families. She was the youngest of the four Stemper children: Mary (Ferd Steffes), Annie (Alve Steffes), Clara (Bill Kieser) and herself, Laura (Joe Kieser). Her stepsisters and brother were, in order: Julia Anna, Edward and Emma (John Kieser).

At ninety-three years of age, she still keeps a lovely mixed flower area which she can observe from the window of her room at Heritage Place Lodge in Morinville and also from other windows in the lodge. Though we help her with the work, she plans and chooses the flowers she likes to change from time to time and tells us where she wants them planted.

She is still an avid reader and also passes time playing various card games including Bridge. She has won many red ribbons at Shuffleboard at the lodge and is an able adversary at Scrabble!

Our father was a great sports fan. Though he

never had the opportunity to be a member of a ballteam, he encouraged all of us, boys and girls alike, to participate in the sport. Through the years Adolph played baseball with Namao, Rose Ridge, Cardiff, Morinville, Riviere Qui Barre and the Edmontonton Arrows.

As the children of the Rose Ridge District grew up, a larger ball diamond than the school provided was needed, so one was built on our father's land not far from our home NE ¼ of 10-55-25-W4.

It was used a great deal for practices and ball games, especially by the Rose Ridge Girls Softball Team, ably managed by Russell (Dick) McLay. All four girls of our family played on this team, which one year won three trophies.

The skating rink for the Rose Ridge district was built on SE 10-55-25-W4, in Bill Kieser's yard, a half mile south of the ball diamond.

My father, with Bill Rockwell's help, coached and managed the younger boys baseball teams of rural Morinville and then later, Cardiff. My three younger brothers, Art, Albin and Howard, played on these teams.

At various times, my father served as school trustee for both Cardiff and Rose Ridge, as he owned land in both districts, but we all attended Rose Ridge, as our home was situated in this area. He was also a Trustee for the St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church in Morinville for many years.

My parents enjoyed dancing and Dad was the



L-R: Christopher, Ryan, Laurel, Arlene and Florence Vranas.

Square Dance “caller” for the Hittinger Band, much in demand at that time.

On May 22, 1940, when the Morinville Branch of the Pembina Sturgeon Credit Union was incorporated, my father was one of the directors on the original board. This year, fifty years of service was celebrated in February and certificates were issued bearing the names of each original board member.

Joseph A. Kieser, my father, died January 11, 1956, at age sixty-two. He will long be remembered in the Namao, Cardiff and Morinville districts.

I married Christopher Vranas, second son of Andrew Vranas and Emma Brenneis, on June 10, 1953. We have three children: Laurel Boddez, Morinville; Arlene Whitson, Alcomdale; and Ryan, Cardiff Echoes. We have seven grandchildren.

The rest of my brothers and sisters live in the Morinville area, except Adolph at St. Jovite, Quebec, and Albin in Toronto, Ontario.

KINDLEMAN, Robert and Gwen (Clapp, Koch)

Gwen married Jon Koch in 1970 and they resided on an acreage on the northwest corner of the home farm. Gwen and Jon had two children, Michelle Leanne, born in 1972, and Ian Michael, born in 1973. Both Michelle and Ian are in high school at the time of this writing. Jon worked for WACO, as an Architectural Hardware Consultant, until cancer forced him to leave in 1984. He passed away in May 1985. Gwen went to work for Sturgeon School Division at Namao School after Michelle and Ian started school, and continues to work there.

In 1989 Gwen married Bob Kindleman. They reside on the acreage on the home farm. Bob works as a mechanical technician for Mullen Pump Service.

KOK Family

Gerald Kok and Marie Van Winden emigrated from Holland in 1948 to St. Paul, Alberta. They were married in 1949 and lived there until 1951. They then moved to the property on 127 Street across from Jack and Olive Harrold. Gerald was hired to help build the railroad spur line on the south side of the property and Marie was the cook.

Rita Kok was born in St. Paul and now has two children: Melanie and Steven.

The rest of the children were born in Edmonton.

Helen married Martin Hoffmann and they are living in St. Albert. They have two children, Karen and Trent.

Walter is currently living in Namao and has four children: Sean, Jeremy, Ryan and Jonah.

Nellie married Cordell Allers and they are living in St. Albert. They have two children, Shawn and Jennifer.

Peter married Kathy Taylor and they are living in Castledowns. They have two children, Christopher and Jessica.

John is living in Edmonton and, at present, is apprenticing for an electrician.

Mary married Ken Lypka and they are living in Fort Saskatchewan. They have two children, Levi and Chantelle.

Jerry is living in Castledowns and, at present, is apprenticing for a mechanic.

Gerald and Marie resided on the farm until 1978, at which time they bought a home in Castledowns. All of the children went to Namao School.

KRELLER, Ivan and Alice and Family

In January of 1940, Ivan and Alice came from Vermilion to Edmonton and have resided in the area since that time, most of those years on an acreage just north of 153 Avenue. They now reside in Castle Downs and enjoy the friendship and fellowship of Namao United Church and Senior Citizens 60 Plus Club. They have two children, a daughter, Sharon, and a son, Kelvin.

Ivan carried on his exterior and interior painting business until he retired. Alice taught school at Griesbach for seventeen years until she retired in 1973. They celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on November 5, 1988 with family, relatives, and friends at the Namao Hub.

Their daughter, Sharon, graduated in nursing from the Royal Alexandra Hospital in 1966 and was married to Robert L. Paley, a graduate of NAIT in Architectural Technology. They then resided in Eugene, Oregon, where Robert earned his Bachelor of Architecture in 1970. During those years, Sharon continued her nursing career at Sacred Heart General Hospital.

Upon their return to Edmonton, a daughter, Shannon Leanne, was born on February 17, 1971. Shannon graduated from Victoria Composite High School in 1988, and has been studying Speech Arts under Dr. Walter H. Kaasa. In the fall of 1990 she plans to pursue a career in Speech/Language Pathology.

On June 16, 1974, twins were born, a daughter,

ter, Shelley Susanne and a son, Scott Robert, both of whom are now in high school.

Sharon is currently a representative for Canadian Scholarship Trust Consultants, a savings plan for children's post-secondary education. She and Robert are members of Central United Church in Edmonton.

Ivan and Alice's son, Kelvin, was born November 21, 1952. He attended school at Namao, Victoria Composite, and M. E. LaZerte High Schools. Following graduation, he worked at Woodward's and Stelco. He then completed a Business Administration course at Northern Alberta Institute of Technology and worked for some time in real estate.

On November 12, 1977, he was married to Colleen Julianna Caswell, making their home in Stony Plain, where Colleen managed her beauty salon. In 1985, they moved to Langley, B.C., where Kelvin attended Trinity Western University, obtaining his degree in psychology. He is now Assistant Pastor and Counsellor at Calvary Community Church in Burnaby. Colleen is active in the music and ministry at their church.

They have two children: Caylee Ruth, born May 2, 1981, and James William Ivan, born March 12, 1984. Both attend school in Langley.

KRUK, Walter and Sheila

The Kruk family came to the Namao area in 1963. Walter worked for Jack Duggan from this time until 1967, at which time they moved to the Danard farm, remaining there until 1988. Their five children attended Horse Hill School.

Norman is a subcontractor with Pro Western Overhead Doors and works out of Fort Saskatchewan where he lives with his wife, Donna, and their two children, Delton, 12, and Christopher, 10. He also works as a volunteer fireman in the Fort and has been advanced to a lieutenant in the Fire Department.

He presently coaches a hockey team in the minor league. His two boys are both active in hockey and numerous other sports.

Randy is a carpet installer and is living in Edmonton with his wife, Sharon, and their two children, Wayne, 10, and Kristy-Lea, eight. He also coaches a team of young hockey players on which his son Wayne is a participant. Sharon works at the Bank of Montreal.

Dale married Angela Kuhlmann and they are living in the Horse Hill area. They have no children as yet. With a part ownership in Kuhlmann's



Sheila and Walter Kruk.

Market Gardens and Greenhouses, they are kept very active but are thoroughly enjoying their busy life. They spend a good part of the winter in warm and sunny places.

Brenda lives on forty acres in the Horse Hill area with her husband, Rod Sloat, and their three sons: Dustin, four, Ross, three, and Owen, two. They raise horses as a hobby. Brenda keeps herself busy with numerous creative projects and running after three very active little cowboys.

Kelly is living at home at the present time and is employed with J. B. Little as a mortar technician. He collects guns and vehicles as a hobby.

Sheila and Walter are presently living across from Horse Hill School. Walter is semi-retired, and Sheila has worked 21 years as a dietary attendant at Alberta Hospital.



The Kruk Family.

They enjoy having their children living close to them and get great pleasure from seeing their grandchildren and watching them grow.

Sometime in the future, they plan to move to their sixty acres near Dapp and grow old gracefully.

KRUPA, Gene and Mary, with children Joel and JoyAnne

We were originally drawn to the area by the beauty of the river valley with its high silt banks, geese, hawks and deer. It seemed like a great place to raise a few kids, living in a rural area just minutes from Edmonton.

I, Gene, was raised in Gibbons, the son of Joseph and Anne, and attended high school at M.E. LaZerte. Mary grew up in Edmonton, the daughter of Russell and Helen MacArthur. We met at the University of Alberta over a banana-boat in 1976, while I was studying Agriculture and Mary was studying Botany. We were married in August of 1980, and I continued to work in Barrhead with the Department of Agriculture and 4-H Clubs until 1981. At that time, I returned to university to train in education. In the fall of 1982, I took a position at Legal School and remained there for six years. Meanwhile, Mary worked with the Devonian Botanic Garden before taking a teaching position with the Edmonton Public system. She continued there until Joel was born (on her birthday) in 1987, then she really worked. Our home was on our farm four miles east of Legal for five years, before we bought the land we live on now.

Fortunately, the fall weather of 1987 was quite cooperative and we were able to build our home quite speedily. We were thankful for that, as well as for the army of volunteers who pitched in. By December, Joel was eight months old and we were

“ready” to move in. Only two of the rooms were finished, and the outside was covered in tar paper until the next spring. Of course, that wasn’t much of a hardship, compared to what the earlier pioneers faced, and we were very happy indeed! Since then, our home has been the site of many happy gatherings. It has often been our workplace as well. Much of our efforts have been put toward producing materials for students and teachers to use, mainly in the area of Science.

The most exciting thing to happen since we arrived in Namao has been the arrival of our daughter, JoyAnne, in October of 1988. In September of 1989, three other delightful young women, Heather, Karen, and Mary-Louise moved in downstairs. Joel and JoyAnne’s “Baba”, Anne Krupa, of Gibbons, is also frequently with us and we owe a large part of our success to her. Another frequent visitor is our brother, Wayne. He started teaching at Namao School in September of 1988 and is really enjoying that. Last, but not least, we would not be complete without our very effective rodent control agent, Kitty Grey.

Our house is finished now, but the trees will take some time to grow in, especially if the porcupines keep eating them. In the meantime we enjoy the view of the river valley, especially on sunny mornings when the mist follows the river below us. The kids love to go down with us to watch the beavers and ducks, or up to the hill just north-east of the tressel. When the evenings are warm, you might also see us out on a bike ride with Joel and JoyAnne in a bright yellow cart behind Gene.

Though we are relatively new residents of the Namao community, we’re beginning to feel quite at home here. Everyone we have met has been quite kind and friendly. Some we knew from before,



A valley below their house.



Joel and Joy Anne.



Joel and Joy Anne.

from high school, or through our work with 4-H Clubs, or through teaching. We've met many others through various political campaigns and church organizations and events. Some, like Ken Vath, Roy Carruthers, Tom Bowman, and Jack Pearse, helped us build our home. Still others, like the Barths, and Perepalkans, the Croziers, the Akermans, and the Harrolds, have been friendly neighbors. John Harrold has been especially helpful with a lot of little things, as we were getting established.

We are really glad to be here in the Namao community and are looking forward to living here for many years and getting to know more of its people.

At the time of writing, Gene is studying and teaching at the university. Mary is teaching part time at Lorelei Elementary School in Edmonton. Joel and JoyAnne are having a great time together and being a big help, of course.

LATIMER, Alf and Mary

In 1974, Alf and Mary Latimer sold their farm on 127 Street. They bought a house in St. Albert as well as a farm at Vimy. They wintered in Phoenix until Alf's death in 1981. Their son, Bill, now operates the farm. Mary lived in St. Albert until 1989 when ill health forced her to move to St. Joseph's Auxiliary Hospital in Edmonton.

Their daughter, Kathy Latimer, graduated from

Victoria Composite High School and from Henderson's Business College in 1969. In 1974, together with Marjorie Cresswell and Carol Crozier, Kathy travelled extensively through New Zealand, Australia and Asia. She worked in the secretarial field until 1985 and then opened a landscaping supply business with Craig Cameron.

Alf and Mary Latimer's older daughter, Judy, married Al Wozny. In 1967 Al and Judy built a house on two acres of land owned by Judy's parents.

In 1982, their property was annexed by the City of Edmonton.

Al worked for the CNR as an electrician until suffering his second heart attack in 1989. He then retired after 31 years of service.

Judy and Al have three children: Karen, Darolyn and Blayne.

Karen was born in 1968, and after completing Grade 10 at Sturgeon Composite High, she graduated from Ross Sheppard High School in 1986. On January 1, 1990, she graduated from NAIT in Business Administration in Accounting.

Darolyn was born in 1970 and graduated from Ross Sheppard High School in 1988. After graduation, she entered the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine in Speech Pathology and Audiology at the University of Alberta. She is currently in her second year.

Blayne was born in 1974 and is presently attending Grade 10 at Ross Sheppard High School. He is very involved in sports and plays on the Ross Sheppard Junior Football team. He is also in his last year of bantam hockey.

LATIMER, Alfred and Elizabeth (nee Henderson)

Alfred (Alf) was married in 1919 to Elizabeth Henderson and moved from Edmonton to Woodbend in 1920, where Elizabeth still resides. They raised a family of eight children. One son, Alfred George, was killed by lightning at the age of 20 on July 3, 1940. A daughter, Dorothy Grace, passed away July 5, 1989. Their six remaining children are living in the following areas: Carson Latimer in Edmonton, Mildred Schafer in Calgary, Ethel Wild in Winterburn, Jim Latimer in the Woodbend area, Evelyn Young in Redwater, and Bob Latimer in the Woodbend area. Farming was their sole livelihood. They raised cattle, then changed to wheat, barley, oats, potatoes and other vegetables. Alfred Latimer was a councillor for the M.D. of Spruce Grove from 1927 to 1942, when

it became the M.D. of Stony Plain. Alfred passed away June 23, 1967, at home. Elizabeth continues to live on the home place.

LATIMER, Dorothy Grace

Dorothy Grace Latimer was born in 1922. Dorothy married Sandy Woods and they reside in Seattle, Washington. They have one daughter, Donna Elizabeth. After Sandy's death, Dorothy married Jerry Pollack in 1965. They resided in Seattle, Washington, until Dorothy passed away July 15, 1989. Donna has two children, Joey, who is married and has three children: and Erin, who has recently married.

LATIMER, John Carson

John Carson Latimer was born in 1924 and served in the army during World War II. In September of 1958 Carson married Jean Denniss. In



Carson and Jean Latimer.

September of the same year he entered college in Saskatoon to prepare for the ministry. Since graduating, he has been a pastor in various churches in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Carson and Jean have two children, Keith, born in 1962; and Kathy, born in 1964. They also have one grandson, Nathan Scott Carson, born to Kathy in 1985.

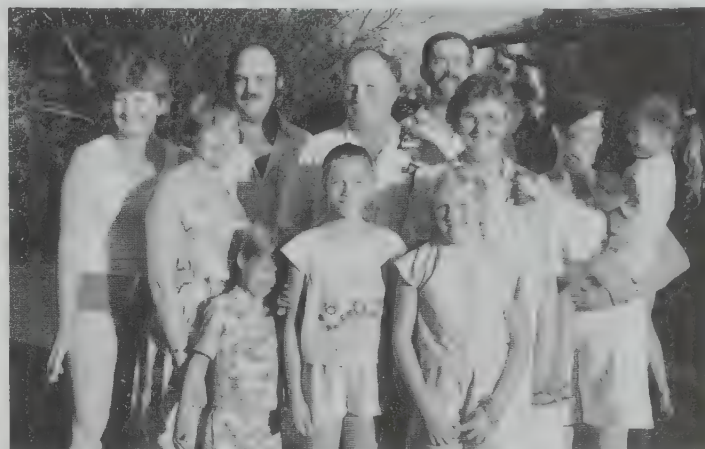
LATIMER, Mildred Myrtle

Mildred Myrtle married Howard Jones on May 28, 1946. They had two children, Bob Jones, born June 2, 1947; and Gwen Jones, born August 22, 1948. Howard Jones passed away April 28, 1958. Mildred married Dick Schafer on April 4, 1970. Bob Jones married Rosalie Axton in 1985. They have one son, Bobby Jones, born October 18, 1985.

Gwen Jones married Gordon Anderson on June 14, 1969. They have one girl, Gaylene Anderson, born September 28, 1972. Gordon passed away April 16, 1973. Gwen married Mike Leach in February 1975. They have one son, Steven Leach, born April 29, 1989.

LATIMER, Ethel Elizabeth

Ethel Latimer married George Wild in 1948. They have two daughters, Evelyn and Bonnie, and one son, Allen.



Ethel Wild and Family. L-R: Shirley, Allen, Gerald, Bonnie, George, Ethel, Evelyn and Crista, Aaron, Kerry, Amanda.

Evelyn Sauve of Spruce Grove has three children: Kerry, Aaron, and Krista. Bonnie Wild of Three Hills has one daughter, Amanda Jassman. Allen Wild of Winterburn has one son, Owen Wild.

George and Ethel, with Allen and his wife, Shirley, still operate the family farm at Winterburn, where George has farmed since 1945.

LATIMER, James Stewart

James Stewart Latimer married Shirley Winter February 28, 1950. They had four children, two boys and two girls.

Gary Latimer was born August 1, 1950. He married Colleen Collins on June 7, 1974. They have three children: Carleen, born October 13, 1975; Alana, born July 27, 1977; and Stewart, born October 21, 1979.

Faye Marjorie was born November 13, 1951, and was married to Norm Harley November 16, 1975. They have three children: Jason, born December 30, 1976; Jana, born December 26, 1978; and Ryan, born May 10, 1982.

Donald Latimer was born August 8, 1953, and married to Sherry McIlveen on September 6, 1980.

They have two children, Scott was born March 20, 1983; and Kayla was born January 12, 1985.

Jean Latimer was born November 16, 1955, and married Lance Coulson on September 3, 1983. They have a daughter, Amy Latimer, born May 21, 1985.

LATIMER, Evelyn Marjorie

Evelyn Latimer married Charlie Young in 1951 and moved to the Bruderheim area, where they lived for many years before moving to Redwater. They raised a family of six children: Lynda married Cal Rowbottom. They live near Leduc and have two children, Lisa and Steven; Larry lives on



Evelyn Young and Family. (Alf Latimer)

the home place near Bruderheim; David married Valerie Kopp. They live in the Redwater area and have two children, Kerry and Corrie; Gordon lives in the Chipman area; Cathy lives in Fort Saskatchewan; Carolyn married Travis Padgham. They live in Edmonton.

Charlie passed away in 1986 and Evelyn continues to live in the Redwater area.

LATIMER, Robert Howard

Robert (Bob) Howard Latimer was born August 13, 1939. Bob was raised on a farm and attended Graminia and Winterburn Schools. In 1957, he married Christina Brown, and they had six children: Debbie, Donna, Janice, Robert, James and Dorothy.



Robert and Christine Latimer (Alf Latimer).

Debbie passed away at the age of twelve. Donna married Doug Swidley in 1986 and they have two children, Michael and Megan. Janice was married in 1982 and has three children: Jason, Jenna and Jamie. Robert, James and Dorothy are still at home.

Through the years Bob has worked in the oil-fields. He worked from 1959 until 1973 for Devon Wireline Enterprise Ltd. He then started a partnership business, B & G Pumpjack Service Ltd. with his nephew, Gary Latimer. In 1989 Bob sold out, and now enjoys being a hobby farmer.

LATIMER, Howard

updated by Bonnie Pearson (nee Latimer)

Howard Latimer was born in 1892 and was the second oldest son of Carson R. Latimer and Elizabeth Jane Brownlee. Howard came west from Ontario with his parents at the age of two years. They settled in the Turnip Lake area where Howard went to school. In 1915, Howard married Stella Stoutenberg. He joined the army in 1916 in the 50th Battalion, 202 Regiment. Howard went overseas with this unit and remained in France for three years. He was wounded in Amiens and gassed at Ypres. After recovering from both afflictions, he returned home in February 1919, only to discover his wife and young son, whom he never seen, had both died from the flu in November, 1918. My father rented the James Gibson farm and spent three years there. Howard was remarried to Pearl Ann Kerr, daughter of John Marcus Kerr and Myra Thorpe, on December 1, 1921. A short time



Howard and Pearl Latimer.

after, they moved to the Fowler farm and stayed there for a few years. On December 26, 1922, my brother, Carson Robert, was born and Ruth Pearl was born on November 18, 1924. Howard and Pearl bought river lot 64 from James Cust. It was there they finally made their home. They broke all the land themselves with the help of horses. My father was a willing worker who joined in any district project for the good of the community. With continuous hard work, he improved his farm throughout his life. Howard engaged in mixed farming, such as milking cows both for our own supply and for shipping to Edmonton. On July 23, 1947, I, Bonnie Allison was born. By this time farming was much easier. Dad bought a combine and a new tractor. This was when electricity and a new well arrived. To make life a little easier, Dad cut down on raising stock. When I was around the age of eight, he rented the land out to Archie Junkin. On November 4, 1957, my mother died, followed by my dad's death on September 26, 1959. They both died at home.

LATIMER, Carson

Carson attended Guilbault School, getting there on horse back. In his spare time he spent many hours working with grade horses which were Belgian and Clyde crosses. He showed these horses at stock shows at the Edmonton Exhibitions and won many prizes. Carson joined the South Alberta Regiment in 1940. He trained all over Canada with an infantry regiment. Before going overseas in

1942, it was changed to a tank regiment. When Carson arrived, he was assigned to drive the tanks. He spent two years in England and then was transferred to various places such as France, Holland, Belgium and Germany. He met Russian troops in Oldenberg, Germany. From there he returned from Holland and came home in 1945. Carson was married in 1942 to Stella Pratta from Niagara Falls, where Carson started a career with a wire weaving company. They had one son, William (Bill), born on May 28, 1947. Carson was transferred as a foreman to Olympia, Washington, in 1964. After thirty years with the company, Carson retired in Canada. He lived in St. Albert for three years and finally settled in Edmonton. Carson always loved Holland and returned in May, 1985, for the fortieth anniversary of the liberation of Holland. Carson died on August 29, 1986, in Edmonton. His son, Bill, married Sharon Anne Heglheimer of Stratford, Ontario, on April 16, 1970. Bill was born, raised and educated in Niagara Falls, Ontario. He worked in the tourism industry for twelve years and Sharon took nursing in Toronto and worked for fourteen years in southern Ontario. In August, 1984, they moved to their home in west Edmonton where they are active in their church and community. They have no children. Bill works



Carson and Stella Latimer.

as a building services supervisor and Sharon works as a nurse with veterans at the Mewburn Veteran's Center at the University of Alberta Hospital in Edmonton.

BOOKEY, Ruth (nee Latimer)

Ruth Latimer Bookey joined the services during World War II. She was inducted into the women's division of the RCAF and took her basic training in Rockcliffe, Ontario. After spending time down east, she was transferred to Calgary. She stayed there until the end of the war in 1945. Ruth moved to Vancouver where she met William Bookey in May 1948. A short time after, William and Ruth were married in Burnaby July 10, 1948. Two years later, William joined the Vancouver Police Force. Ruth and Bill had two sons, Gordon, born April 18, 1949, Howard, born February 11, 1954. Ruth did volunteer work at a local hospital when the boys were older. After thirty-three years of police work, Bill retired and they began traveling worldwide in places like Russia, New Zealand, and Australia. To this day Ruth and Bill are enjoying a leisurely retirement. Their eldest son, Gordon, is a bachelor and lives in Vancouver. He has worked as a library technician at U.B.C. for ten years. For the past nine and one half years Howard has worked for Canada Post in Calgary as a letter carrier. He was married on February 14, 1987, to Rebecca Guanzon from the Philippines. Their daughter Sarah was born in October 1988, and they are expecting their second child in May 1990.



L-R: Howard, Rebecca, Bill, Ruth holding Sarah and Gordon Bookey, Jan., 1990.

PEARSON, Bonnie (nee Latimer)

I, Bonnie Latimer Pearson, was born July 23, 1947. The first twelve years of my life were spent on the farm. I went to school in St Albert by bus and attended church faithfully every Sunday in Na-

mao. Mom and Dad were active members in the community. We were present at every wedding dance, card party and house party that was held. I remember life on the farm was hard work, but I loved it. Churning butter and gathering eggs were just a few of my chores. We washed and sold the eggs to people who drove to, and worked for, the Starkey mine. The rest of the eggs were taken into Edmonton and sold to different families. I remember impatiently waiting and watching the road for our new tractor and Allis-Chalmers combine. This event was more exciting than getting electricity and our first television. After both my parents passed away, I lived with my sister, Ruth and her family for six and one half years. In 1968, I moved back to Edmonton, after which I resided in St. Albert and rural areas from 1976 until the spring of 1984, when I moved back to B.C. I have now lived in St. Albert since August 1988. I have four children. Cameron was born in September 1969, and lives at home with me and works in St. Albert. Valerie was born in February 1971, and was married in July 1989 to Daniel Lee from Chilliwack. They now live in Surrey and work there. Kimberly was born in October 1977, and Adam was born in February 1981, and are attending elementary school. Both are active in soccer and swimming. Cameron married Echo Schulz on July 21, 1990, in St. Albert.



Kimberly, Bonnie, Adam and Cameron Pearson.

LeCLAIR, Bud and Maxine (Harrold)

as written by Bud and Maxine LeClair

E. B. (Bud) LeClair was the oldest son of J. E. (Jack) LeClair and Sarah Healy of St. Albert. Born in 1923, Bud served in the R.C.A.F. and after his discharge took up radio servicing. It had been a side job before entering the service and was full-time in the service.

Maxine Jane Harrold was the youngest daughter of John Harrold and Violet Latimer of Na-

mao. Born in 1924, Maxine trained as a nurse at the Edmonton General Hospital from 1943 to 1946. Maxine was doing private duty nursing for Neil Ross Sr., an old family friend, in St. Albert. It was here that she met Bud for the second time.

After Bud and Maxine's marriage in 1947, they lived in St. Albert until 1953. Bud worked as an electrician and power lineman until 1952, when he went to work as an electrician for Brown and Root. Maxine worked a good part of this time at the Charles Camsell Hospital. St. Albert was a very small friendly town, with enjoyable community activities. Deborah Jane was born on March 17, 1949, and Marsha Sue was born June 26, 1951. Bud, Maxine and family moved to Edmonton in 1953 and Maxine continued her full-time work at the Camsell.

In 1954 Bud went to work for Texaco at Bonnie Glen, near Mulhurst on Pigeon Lake. The following year Texaco's company houses for key employees were built and the family moved to Bonnie Glen. The homes were great, especially when you considered the rent of forty-five dollars per month, but it was April, and sidewalks or driveways were yet to be constructed. Jack Harrold, Maxine's brother, and Bruce Carruthers, Maxine's brother-in-law, arrived at the plant site with the family furniture in their trucks. They assisted as best they could, and perhaps apprehensively, as the plant's truck winched them up to the front door of the house. After the trucks were unloaded they were winched back to a passable road. As they left, Maxine wondered aloud as to the wisdom of the move. But there were more pressing matters. A third child was due in a couple of weeks.

Glen and Verda Hedges were the new neighbors next door and were somewhat startled when Bud woke them in the wee hours of April 24, 1955, to ask if they would babysit Debbie and Marsha so he could rush Maxine into the hospital in Edmonton. John Gordon was born the next morning, April 25. This was an eventful spring, because a few weeks later Maxine was both startled and relieved to answer the doorbell and find the neighbor from two doors down with Debbie and Marsha in tow. Germaine Currie had spotted them vainly trying to remove their rubber boots from a gumbo bog. The boots and pants were rescued considerably later.

Violet Harrold was lonesome for her grandchildren and it was decided by all that she should join the family on a permanent basis, so Bud went in to get her on May 24. Mud was still a problem,

and Violet had a bad leg, so Bud positioned the car on a relatively dry hill near the plant and aimed it at the house, which was sort of at the base of the incline. It worked, without damaging the house, and the car was winched out two weeks later.

The years at Bonnie Glen were fun. Debbie and Marsha started school at Pipestone. Bud and Maxine curled, helped in starting a water safety group, joined the yacht and beach club, and found many lasting friends. Maxine became active in the Mulhurst Women's Institute. The several new families at Bonnie Glen, and especially their children, found great new friends in Bill and Geordie Knull, established residents and maintenance contractor for Texaco. The children often popped in on them for a cookie or a fun stop, and often found their parents already there enjoying coffee and conversation.

The Knulls had a couple of riding horses. One day Maxine sat her three children on one of them and led the horse around and around the area. A chorus of yelps told her she had led the horse under an unyielding tree branch. Marsha wore a cast on her arm for a few weeks. Debbie and Gordie had only their feelings to mend.

Another highlight was the evening Chris Carruthers brought Ron Nelsen out to Pipestone to sing in a talent show, which was sponsored to raise money for the water safety effort. Guess who won the talent contest?

The family returned to Edmonton in April of 1959. Maxine went back to work at the Charles Camsell, and Bud opened a radio and TV service shop in Calder. They were in a townhouse in Sherbrooke when Violet Harrold had her first heart attack. A house in Dovercourt became a more suitable home, where Violet's bedroom was on the main floor. Maureen Sarah was born December 18 of that year. Violet was out of the hospital by then, and Maxine and Maureen arrived home a couple of days before Christmas. Violet's son Jack, daughters Catherine, Maxine, and all their families enjoyed Christmas with Grandma Violet. An open house was held for Violet's seventy-fifth birthday on February 9, and many of Violet's friends helped her enjoy the afternoon, reminiscing about old times and reminding her of her feats, such as winning the central Alberta butter-making contest eight years in a row. Violet passed away on March 20, 1960. After a short rest, Maxine continued work at the Charles Camsell.

Calvin Anthony was born December 10, 1961. This completed the family of three girls and two

boys. The three older children were going to school in Dovercourt. In the spring of 1962, Bud decided that TV service was no way to earn a living, and began looking around for an alternative. Simultaneously the family planned and began construction on their present home. The home was built by Wilfred Poirier, who had built numerous homes in the St. Albert area. While the house was under construction, Bud began work for Honeywell and was soon sent off on various projects. Gordon, seven years old by this time, completed some of the wiring in the house, while Bud was on a three month training course in Philadelphia. Excluding time off to bring Calvin into the world, Maxine was still working full-time at the Camsell.



Bud and Maxine LeClair 40th Wedding Anniversary, 1987. L-R: Calvin, Gordon, Debbie, Bud, Maxine, Marsha and Maureen.

Bud continued with Honeywell, enjoying another eight weeks of formal training in industrial instrumentation, eight weeks in medical and scientific instrumentation, and then in 1965, seven months in industrial computer application and servicing. Throughout these years, Jack Harrold and family as well as Bruce Carruthers and family helped Maxine cope with many trying problems. A personality clash ended Bud's career with Honeywell in 1970. He has since specialized as a consultant in monitoring and control of large oil pipelines. Maxine was with the Camsell when they built the new hospital and continued until 1982, when she resigned as a head nurse and took on part-time work as evening supervisor until early retirement in 1985.

Debbie left home at eighteen and moved to Vancouver, where she spent eight years enjoying the mild weather and easy living of the west coast.

In the summer of 1973, while home on holidays, she met Leonard Saidman. They were married in 1976 at the Namao United Church. Soon after, Debbie earned a diploma in interior design at Grant MacEwan College, a career which she followed for 10 years.

On August 11, 1980, Jessica Nan was born in Edmonton. By this time the family had moved to Riverdale, one of Edmonton's oldest communities, in which Debbie has become an active member in the community league. Garrett Gordon Murray was born on June 23, 1986. At the time of this writing (1990) Debbie is back at Grant MacEwan working towards a diploma in Voluntary Sector Management.

John Gordon decided early on in his working days that he wanted to be in business for himself to make good use of his talents and energy. After completing his welder's apprenticeship in the early '70s, he started "Gord's Enterprises", doing everything from procuring and selling firewood, contracting landscape jobs, electrical sub-contracting under the direction of a master electrician, etc. He married Donna Briggs in November, 1980, and although they are no longer together, are still friends.

Attacking everything he does with a vengeance, Gord continuously amazes, frustrates, and delights friends and family alike with his ventures. In 1987, with much help from these friends and family, he constructed a high quality ten-bay shop for large transport trucks. He runs his business out of this shop, and it has become a favorite stopping place for many. When there's time for leisure, you'll find him tinkering with his high-performance boat, or off water or snow skiing.

Maureen Sara has tried her hand in many different fields of work. After completing high school, she went to Red Deer College and obtained a degree in Early Childhood Development. She put this training into direct use for the first couple of years after entering the work force, and then went into areas of work quite removed from this, such as oilfield cooking, landscaping, and bus/truck driving. Through all these various work experiences, she met a great variety of people and developed many friendships.

A major part of Maureen's life has been her involvement with a youth camp, "Camp Maskepetoon", at Pigeon Lake, starting as a young camper and moving through the years to becoming a member of the board of directors.

In 1988, Maureen took training with St. John Ambulance, and currently (1990) works full-time

with them as an area coordinator and first aid/CPR instructor trainer. This field of work suits her personality well — lots of variety, and opportunity to meet all kinds of interesting people. In her leisure time, Maureen enjoys horseback riding, playing baseball, and entertaining friends in her home.

Marsha left home at the age of eighteen and moved into an apartment in Edmonton. Her first job experiences were as a seamstress, a news writer, and a 'coffee girl'.

In 1970, Marsha married Garry Aldon Brewer and in 1972 their son, Jacinto Ryan, was born.

Marsha and her son moved to Vancouver in 1974 and took up residence in Vancouver proper. As the first few months went by, they moved further and further out to the suburbs, finally settling in Surrey. During most of this time Marsha worked as a booking agent for an entertainment company, and is now owner of a network agency. She is currently working on opening a comedy club and expects to have it operating within the next few months.

In 1983, Marsha married Ron Hiemstra and they reside in Surrey with their son, Jacinto, and daughter, Meagan Violet.

Calvin attended Namao School from Grades 1 to 9, M. E. LaZerte for Grade 10, and Sturgeon High for Grades 11 and 12. In the summer of 1978, Calvin began work at Edmonton Peterbilt Trucks as an apprentice heavy duty mechanic, where he received his journeyman's ticket in October of 1982.



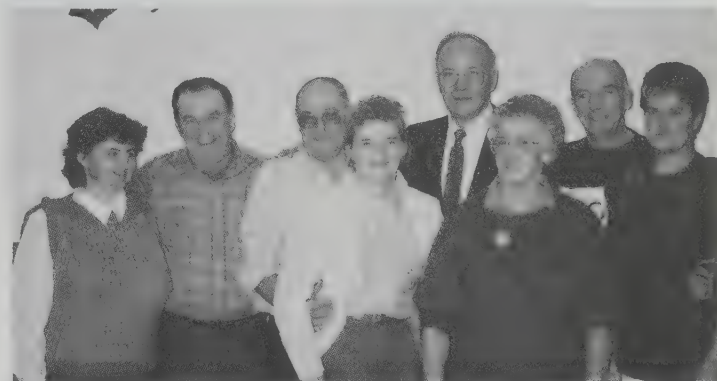
Back Row, L-R: Gordon LeClair, Bud LeClair, Maureen LeClair, Len Saidman, Debbie Saidman, Ron Hiemstra, Marsha Hiemstra and Calvin LeClair. Middle Row, L-R: Cindy Hiller, Maxine LeClair, Jessica Saidman, Meagan Hiemstra, Candace LeClair, Kim LeClair holding Cody LeClair. Front Row, L-R: Garrett Saidman and Cameron LeClair. Inset: Jacinto Brewer.

In the summer of 1979, Calvin began dating Kimberley Kamineski, eldest daughter of Steve and Marg Kamineski. In June of 1982, Calvin and Kim were married at St. Charles Catholic Church in Edmonton. Their first home was a basement suite in northwest Edmonton. In October of 1982, they moved to Creston Place, Edmonton until their sixth anniversary in June of 1988, when they purchased their present home in the Delwood district.

Candace Kimberley was born December 7, 1982, at the Charles Camsell Hospital. Cameron Steven Basil (second and third names after his grandfathers) was born March 16, 1985. Cody Anthony was born May 25, 1988.

Calvin is currently working as the service manager at Hino Truck Centre and operates a part-time business called "Camcody" in mechanical and air conditioning.

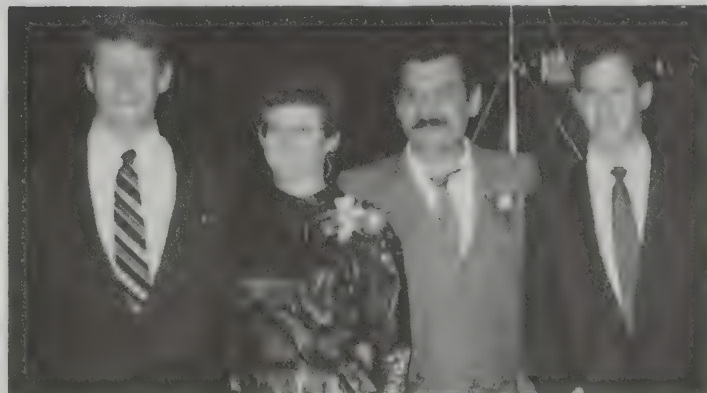
Kim is into her eleventh year working part-time at Woodward's Foods, yet she and Calvin seem to find time for many family and community activities.



L-R: Christine Harrold, Aubrey Harrold, Chris Carruthers, Sylvia Carruthers, Bud LeClair, Maxine LeClair, Norman Carruthers and Caryll Carruthers, Christmas 1990.

LEMISKI, Edward and Elizabeth

Ed and Elizabeth (Lil) Lemiski came to the Na-



L-R: Craig, Lil, Ed and Corey Lemiski, 25th Wedding Anniversary, April 25th, 1989.

mao area in the spring of 1968. They settled on three and a half acres located in Sturgeon Crest. They had two sons, Craig, born in 1969, and Cory, born in 1973. Both boys went to Namao School and on to Sturgeon Composite High School.

Lil worked in the Namao School Library and taught Catechism to the Grade 1 students for several years. Ed taught cubs and scouts, for ten years, to the boys in the area. He also was one of the founding fathers of the Sturgeon Valley Community League.

LOISELLE family

November 1990

Jules Loisel is the son of Gilberte (nee Leduc) and André Loisel from Picardville, Alberta. André owned and operated the pool hall and barber shop.

Betty Loisel (nee Rupert) is the daughter of Dorothy (nee Thwaites) and Lucien Rupert from Edmonton. They owned and operated Rupert's Grocery.

Jules and Betty moved to Sturgeon View Estates in 1973. They have ten children and two foster children. Nicole, 26, is a high school teacher in Grande Prairie, Alberta. Rachel, 25, is a physiotherapist in Edmonton.



Back Row, L-R: Agnes, Annette, Nicole, Rachel, Rhea and Colin. Front Row, L-R: Mathieu, Jules, Christine, Joel, Betty and Marc.

Annette, 23, obtained a Fine Arts Degree from the U of A and works in the theatre in and around Edmonton. Rhea, 22, is a third year medical student at the U of A; and Agnes, 19, is a second year science student at the U of A.

Colin, 17, is in Grade 12; Joel, 15, is in Grade 10; at Sturgeon Composite High School. Christine,

12, is in Grade 6; Marc, 10, in Grade 5; and Mathieu, 9, in Grade 4; at Namao School. The foster children are Calvin Desjarlais, 13, in Grade 6; and Norleen Melnick, 16, in Grade 9; at Namao School.

Jules is an Electrician, and Betty is a homemaker (a graduate from the Edmonton General Hospital School of Nursing).

LONG, George

Margaret, a granddaughter of Annie and George Long, is the youngest child of Stan and Elizabeth Long. She married Robert (Bob) Ritchie of Edmonton in 1950. They had four children: Gael, the eldest, is married to Norman Mueller and lives in Wembley, Alberta; Robert and his wife, Mary, live in Fort Saskatchewan and have three sons, Robert, Darren and Simon; Bruce and Joan of St. Albert have two sons and a daughter, Arlin, Curtis and Shauna. Brian, the youngest child, was deceased in 1969. Bob and Margaret have lived in the South Peace River district for most of their married lives and are now retired and living at Teepee Creek, Alberta.



Stan and Betty Long Family, March, 1985. Back Row, L-R: Sharon, John, Shannon, Derek, Ron and Vivian. Front Row, L-R: Kevin, Ann, Stan, Betty, Stan and Kelly Ann.

Stan, a grandson of Annie and George Long, was the eldest child of Stan and Elizabeth Long. He married Betty Cooper of Edmonton shortly before going overseas in 1941, returning in 1945. They had three children: Sharon, the eldest, is married to John Loewen and lives in St. Albert. They

have a son, Derek, and a daughter, Shannon, Stan and Ann of Calgary have a daughter, Kelly Ann, and a son, Kevin. Ron, the youngest, and Vivian live in St. Albert and have a son, Colin. Elizabeth Louise, the second child of Stan and Elizabeth Long, married George McLintock in 1951. They had two sons, George and John, and two daughters, Elizabeth and Margaret. Elizabeth (Betty) was deceased in 1969. Stan and Betty lived in Edmonton until 1979, moving to Pigeon Lake in that year. Betty passed away in 1987.

Someone once remarked that if Namao was ever re-named it would be Crozierville. In the 1980s, the founders of the Long name in Namao numbered four and the Croziers numbered only two. Of the five male Longs today, none reside in Namao and the male Croziers number twelve.

LOWE, Maurice and Dick

The following is recorded by Maurice, grandson of Maurice Lowe, who recorded the family history in the first Cameo of the West. The family story continues where the second Cameo left off.

Dick and Ruby continued to manage the family farm until August of 1965, when Ruby took employment with Woodward's Stores Ltd. She remained with Woodward's, working in various departments until her retirement in 1982. During her years at Woodward's, Ruby maintained active participation in community life, serving as President of the U.C.W., as well as a 4-H leader. This trend continued following her retirement. Ruby's efforts were recognized by the Canadian 4-H Council with a Leadership Award for 20 years' service in 1986.

Meanwhile, Dick continued to operate the family farm full-time until 1968. In April of that year, he switched to a straight grain operation and also began his employment with the Alberta Government. Dick worked for the Department of Agriculture as a fieldman, later transferring to the Department of Environment and Reclamation Council, where he served as a council member.

On December 26, 1980, Vera, Dick's mother, passed away after a lengthy illness. In May of the following year, Dick gave up off-farm employment and returned to farming full-time with Ruby.

In 1973, their son, Maurice, graduated from Victoria Composite in Edmonton, the same high school as his grandfather attended. While still in high school, Maurice had joined the Militia. Following his graduation in June, he departed for service with NATO forces in Germany. His mili-

tary service took him far afield to Europe, Mexico and across Canada several times. During his military career, he received the Queen's Silver Jubilee medal and in 1987, the Canadian Decoration for service.



L-R: Dick, Darlene, Maurice and Ruby Lowe.

Maurice enjoyed the many benefits of military service; the greatest of these was meeting his future wife, Darlene. They met in 1981, while he was instructing her in basic training at H.M.C.S. Non-such, in Edmonton. Maurice and Darlene were married two years later on August 20, 1983.

Darlene is the daughter of Robert and Toni Lawrie of Viking, Alberta. She is a graduate of NAIT with a diploma in Accounting.

Maurice has since left the military and returned to college, receiving a diploma in Nursing from G.M.C.C.

Maurice and Darlene reside on the family farm; both are employed at the Edmonton General Hospital. Darlene is in the finance department and Maurice is a registered nurse.

Dick and Ruby are presently enjoying semi-retirement spending considerable time travelling.

The MARTIN Family

After Alice Martin passed away, her son, Jack, took possession of the farm. Hazel's sister, Ivy Reed, and her children moved to the farm, making their home there. The children attended school at Excelsior and Namao. Ivy and her daughter, Donna, later moved to Edmonton. Ivy still resides there. Donna married and lives at the coast. Keith and Jim remained and helped on the farm. They later moved to Edmonton to complete their education and start work there.

Jim married Joyce Wiklman in November 1964, and resides in the New Sarepta district. Keith married Janet Clapp of Namao in July 1963, and they still reside in the district.

Jack and Hazel remained on the farm for many years, celebrating their Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversaries there. They sold the farm to Murray Mulligan in 1985, moving to the city to retire in the fall of that year. Hazel passed away in February 1986. She is buried in Evergreen Memorial Gardens. Jack remained in the city for two years, but later moved to the Senior's Heritage Lodge in Morinville and resided there until his death on October 18, 1990.

Helen now lives in Langley, B.C. Her husband passed away in 1984. Her daughter Gwen, is married and has three children. They live in Fort Langley, B.C. Her son Richard, is married, has four boys, and lives in Abbotsford, B.C.

Violet still lives in Edmonton. Her daughter, Carol, lives in Thorhild. Her children are grown and live in Edmonton. Danny and his wife, Maureen, live near Devon. Ron and his wife, Linda, live in Okotoks with their three children. Echo lives on an acreage in the County of Beaver, which is close to Tofield.

MASSÉ, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald

Ron was born in Lafleche, Saskatchewan, and moved with his family to Calgary. Gloria was born in Belleville, Ontario, and moved to Calgary as a child as well. They met at the University of Calgary. Since the U. of C. had only the first two years of the Bachelor of Commerce program, Ron had to come to Edmonton to complete his degree. Thus in 1964, they decided to get married, and both finished their degrees at the U. of A.

Following graduation, Ron worked with several accounting firms, and then came to the Canadian Utilities group of companies, where he is presently Vice President and Controller with its subsidiary, Northwestern Utilities.

Gloria taught school with the Edmonton Public School Board for a number of years.

They have three children. Ronald Jr., born in 1970, is presently attending the U. of A. Melanie, born in 1976, and Mark born in 1982, both attend Namao School.

The Massés came to the Namao area in 1986, attracted by the peace and beauty of the area, and built a house in Cameron Park Estates.

MAXFIELD, Walter and Family

Written by Kathy Maxfield Feb. 1990

What is the second and third generation of Maxfields up to in 1990?

Archie settled in to truck driving. While the oil-field boom was on, he hauled oil-field equipment, later going into general hauling in Alberta and British Columbia. He has covered most of Alberta. You name it and he has been there, or will be soon. He still lives on the acreage his dad gave him, in the original yard where his grandfather built the log house.

John hauled cars for a few years, then decided to go farming with his dad. In 1973 they sold the land at Sunnyside and went to Jarvie. They farmed there for 10 years, then went north to newly opened land southwest of High Prairie. Now John grain farms and hauls oil and water.

Margaret married Dennis Whitson from Alcomdale and Redwater. He is an electrician and his work has taken him to Inuvik, Iran, the Beaufort Sea and now Drayton Valley. Margaret went from Inuvik to Athens, Greece, while Dennis was in Iran. She enjoyed Greece. Dennis worked two weeks and had two weeks off, so they travelled and saw many interesting things. For the past 10 years they have lived in Edmonton.

And now for the third generation.

Archie and Ann have a girl and a boy, Cheryl and Kevin. While in Namao School, Cheryl was active in 4-H sewing and the high school band. She took a legal assistant course at Grant MacEwan Community College, and now is with an old established law firm in Edmonton.

Kevin is with an environmental services firm at Fort Saskatchewan. He assures us it is quite safe, if you treat it with respect. He likes the work and intends to take courses to continue with the job.

John and Sylvia have two girls, Janis and Glenda. After high school in High Prairie, Janis has started a course in accounting at Grant MacEwan Community College. Glenda is taking her Grade 12 this year at High Prairie.

Margaret and Dennis have two boys, Derek and Joell. Derek is in Grade 11 at Eastglen Composite High School in Edmonton, and plays hockey and football. Joell is in Grade 9, and plays hockey and basketball.

Ann stayed home while Cheryl and Kevin were in school, but has since been at Woolco in St. Albert. Her sunny smile won her "Employee of the Month" a few years ago.

In 1968 Sylvia developed multiple sclerosis. Despite her handicap, she kept her own house for many years and raised two fine girls.

Kathy now lives in Edmonton. After many years of service with the Unifarm Women of Alberta, she is now a volunteer with the Norwood Lions Centre. She is active in creative writing and enjoys travelling.

Walter continues to farm, driving tractor and truck around the farm, and keeping those very important odd jobs done up. At eighty-three and one half, he still drives down from High Prairie to see the families at Edmonton.

MAY, Bob and Norma (nee Clapp)

Norma graduated from the University of Alberta with a degree in Pharmacy. She moved to Calgary to begin work as a pharmacist, where she met and married Robert May, a native Calgarian. They have one son, Ryan, and continue to live in Calgary. Norma works part-time in the Pharmacy at the Cancer Centre there.

McCARTHY, Ron and Rose-Marie

Ron and Rose-Marie, with their children, Doug and Colleen, moved to Sturgeon View Estates in the spring of 1978.

Rose-Marie was born and raised in Edmonton except for two years (Grades 1 and 2) when her family lived in Carbondale during the war. At that time her father, Curly Mazur, worked in the mine.

Ron was born and raised in a number of small towns in Saskatchewan, as his father was a CNR station agent. Ron is a pipefitter and Rose-Marie had her own data entry business, which she ran out of her home.

Doug and Colleen were both born in Edmonton. When the family moved to the Namao area, Doug was in Grade 10 at Archbishop O'Leary High School, and Colleen in Grade 7 at St. Edmund's School. Colleen started school in Namao in May, and graduated from Sturgeon Composite High School. Doug continued and graduated from

O'Leary because there was no football team at Sturgeon.

The family has travelled a lot: Europe, Russia, N.W.T., across Canada and U.S.A., Hawaii, Mexico, etc. All are also very sports-minded and continue to be so to this day.

Doug plays for the University of Alberta Hockey Bears while working on his Masters degree, and Colleen plays ice and ball hockey while nursing at the University of Alberta Hospital.

Doug and Colleen have purchased a home in Old Strathcona.

As of April 1990, Ron and Rose-Marie are living in Hinton temporarily, while searching for the perfect semi-retirement business in a nicer climate.

McCRACKEN, David and Beverly (Flintoff)

by Beverly McCracken

David was born in Manitoba, but moved to Alberta when he was seven years old. They moved around, living in Drayton Valley, Fort Assiniboine, Rossington, Dapp, and finally Westlock. David attended school in Westlock, but quit at the end of Grade 11 to go to work on the farm, then on road construction. After a few years of working on road construction, he moved to Edmonton and attended NAIT, where he received his ticket for carpentry.



David, Kevin, Karren, and Bev, 1987.

I was born in Westlock and raised in the Hazel Bluff district. I took my schooling in Westlock. After finishing Grade 12, I went to work for chartered accountants in Westlock.

I worked for them for four years until David and I were married in July 1968. We moved to Edmonton while David finished NAIT. I got a job

working for the Edmonton Public School Board which I kept for five years.

In 1972, we became involved with the Namao Community by buying one of Bud Crozier's acreages. We started our house that spring, then officially moved into the community February 27, 1973.

I quit work when our son, Kevin, was born in February 1974. In September 1976, our daughter, Karen, was born. I continue to stay at home, doing company books and keeping the home fires burning.



T. Ball. Front: Steven Sichkaryk, Kent ?. 2nd: Crissy Bowman, James Bradley, Glen Mead, Kevin McLay, Karen McCracken. 3rd: Kathy Okerman, Christy Sichkaryk, Shauna ?, Shawn Yeske

As the kids grew, we became involved in community and school activities, David and I both helping with the baseball and softball leagues and serving on the Community League Executive.

During these years, David formed his own construction company. In 1984, he decided to give it up and buy a trucking company. Along with his brother, they operate Westlock Pony Express 1984 Ltd. Even though the office is located in Westlock, David runs it from this end. So we continue to live in the community, along with our great neighbours and friends we have made in our 17 years of being in the community.



Coach: Al Wozny. Back up: Jason Crozier, Blaine Wozny, Gavin Radzik, Greg Fleshman, Darren Wasylucha, Kevin McCracken. Front Row: Jeff Petch, Jeff ?, Michael Brandt, James Driscoll, Rick Crozier, Donald Sherwin.

McDONELL, Johnnie and Molly

John was born at Namao, September 27, 1905, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Finley McDonell. He attended school at Roseridge and later at Namao. John was a great skater and was one of the original members of the first Namao hockey team. He was also keenly interested in community activities, served a period on the Namao School Board, and for eight years was President of Namao Hall Board, He was also Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee of Cadet Squadron 524 (Silver Lancers) RCAF from 1954 to 1958. John owned and operated a gravel business at Villeneuve until his passing on September 17, 1977.



Coach: David McCracken. Asst. Coaches: Brad Gibson, Missing: Darren Poeckens. Front: Stephen Kimmick, David Sherwin, Kevin McCracken, Greg Fleshman, Ryan McLay. 2nd: Patrick Bowman, Jason Bamford, Terry Stratton, Corwin Coleman, Jason Crozier, Alan MacKenzie, Jeff Petch, Cameron McLay.



McDonell House

Marion (Molly) McDonell was born August 12, 1911, to parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred McLay. When she was two years old, the family moved to Portland, Oregon to try fruit farming, but returned two years later to farm at Namao. She attended Namao School and later went to Edmonton Technical School for Household Economics. On December 9, 1931, she married John McDonell and they had four boys: Murray, Gordon, Roderick and Kim.



Molly and Johnnie McDonell, 1958.

Murray J. McDonell, born July 30, 1939, received his schooling at Namao School and went into flying, starting with RCAF Cadets. He now is a Captain in the Canadian Airlines International, flying out of Vancouver. He married Donna Jones of Edmonton on July 2, 1960. Donna works as school secretary in Vancouver and they had two children, Karen and Curtis.

Karen, born December 26, 1960, attended school in Vancouver and went on to specialize in computers at the B.C. Institute of Technology and now is Manager of Computer Training for Canadian Airlines International. She married Todd Kolinsky April 25, 1987.

Curtis, born July 22, 1964, completed high school and was attending Selkirk College, Castlegar, B.C., for further pilot training, when a mid-air collision resulted in his death at age 19.

Gordon A. McDonell was born April 25, 1942, and attended Namao School. He married Rose Marie Brown on December 19, 1959, and had two children, Heidi and Darren. After his divorce from Rose, he married Dawn Hashimoto and had one son, Mark, born October 22, 1979. Gordon lives and works in Vancouver, where he services pumps for Western Oil. Dawn is a Financial Aide Worker for Welfare for the B.C. Provincial Government.

Heidi McDonell, born June 7, 1960, went to Namao School until Grade 10 and finished high school at M.E. LaZerte in Edmonton, where she was elected president of the students' union, the first time this position had been filled by a girl. Heidi went on to obtain a degree from Carleton University, majoring in journalism. She is working in Ottawa.

Darren McDonell, born May 10, 1961, attended Namao School and M.E. LaZerte. While a student, Darren was very active in hockey and earned many trophies. An important project in his life was working for Ornal Jorgensen, who was building the first low-energy solar house in Sturgeon View Estates, a subdivision of Namao. Darren was in on this project from the time it was a hole in the ground until the last coat of paint was applied, by Darren. He now lives in Vancouver and is working as a longshoreman.

Rod (Finley Roderick) was born in Edmonton, June 1, 1944. He received his early education at Namao and then went on to the University of Manitoba for a degree in Interior Design. He lives in Vancouver and works with Gittens Mason Inc., Interior Designers.

Kim Ivan was born in Edmonton, February 15,



Top: Rod. L-R: Kim, Gordon and Murray.

1950, and took his schooling at Namao. He worked for his father for several years and then worked as night clerk at Rosslyn Hotel, Edmonton for a few more years. Unfortunately Kim has a severe health problem, and is living at home, where he helps with the gardening and snow shovelling.

McGREGOR, Alexander and Isabella
written by Isobel (Abernethy) Beniston
(granddaughter of Isabella and Alexander
McGregor)

The children of Alexander and Isabella McGregor, were: James, Mary, Annie, Bill, Bella, Margaret and Alex. Christina died young in Scotland.

James, who married Polly Headley, died in May 1949. Polly died in March 1986. They had one son, Alex, who married Harriet Wheatley. Alex served in the RCAF during the Second World War. On his return home, he went to work for the



McGregor Family. Back Row, L-R: Bella Carruthers, Bill McGregor, Annie Abernethy, Mag McLay and Alex McGregor. Front Row: Isabella McGregor and Mary Mahan. Taken about 1955.

Edmonton Fire Department, where he remained until he retired. They now live in Hamilton, Ontario. Alex and Harriett's children were: Gary, Gail, David and April; also Linda, who died young. Gary married Mary. Their three children are: Bruce, Erin and Christeen. Gail McGregor married Arthur McNichol. Their children are Cary and Cindy. Gail passed away in December 1978. David and April are unmarried.

Mary, who married Clay Mahan, died in March 1965. Clay died in December 1949. Their son, Douglas, married Edith McPherson, and they have five children: Marnie, Mitchell, twins — Jimmy and Janice, and Patty. Marnie married Hank Klein. They had five boys: Jackie, Douglas, Desmond, Delmar and Colin. Desmond died a crib-death.

Mitchell married Donna Wandler. They have two children, Leslie and Ashley. Jimmy, the one twin, is unmarried. Janice, the other twin, married Danny Tompkin. They had a child, Starla. Patty Mahan married Dale MacKirdy. They had two children, Amber and Byron. Amber died in a tragic car accident when she was six. The Mahans live mostly around Abbotsford, B.C.

Annie, who married Jack Abernethy, died in May 1986. Jack died in December 1958. Jack, born of Scottish parents, had come to Canada from England in 1908. His first job was at the Spiral Tunnels, Field, B.C. In due course, he came to Cardiff,

where he met and married Annie McGregor. They farmed north of Namao. Their two children were Tom and Isobel. Tom married Christina Harrold. Tom worked many years for the Post Office. Everyone said how kind, courteous and helpful he always was to his customers. Tom and Chris had two daughters, Judy and Barbara. Judy has worked faithfully for the Edmonton School Board, ever since she finished high school. Barbara married Charles Griffith, and they have two sons, David and Evan. They live in Edmonton.

You may be interested to know that Mrs. Tom Neal, who ran the Namao Store back in the 1920s, became my aunt. After her husband, Tom, passed away, she and her sons, Joe and Tommy, carried on for a time. Then she married my dad's brother, Pete Abernethy, and gave up the store. Uncle Pete and Aunt Isabel lived on his farm at Fawn Lake, until they retired and moved to Westlock.

My brother, Tom, and I went to Frontenac School, from Grade 1 to Grade 8. Then Aunt Maggie and Uncle Chub, invited me to come and stay with them, so I could take my Grade 9 at Sunnyside School. Joyce, Mac and I went to school together. I made new friends back then in 1939-1940, and I'm hoping to read about them now in the 1990s. I came to Edmonton to finish my schooling.

Isobel Abernethy married Earl Beniston. Earl's grandparents and parents had lived beside, and known, the McGregors, when they all lived in Roche Percee, Saskatchewan, about 1910. Earl served in the Loyal Edmonton Regiment overseas from 1939 to 1945.

Isobel and Earl Beniston's children are: Ronnie, Roy, Jeannie and Lynn. Ronnie died in infancy in 1946. Earl passed away in February 1980. Roy Beniston married Marlene Rowe. They have four children: Trevor, Debbie, Shari and Ellen. They live in Morinville and Roy works for Case Power and Equipment.

Jeannie married Dan Moyles, who is in the Canadian Armed Forces. Their children are Danny and Erin.

Lynn married Glen McArthur, and they live in Kitimat, B.C. Their children are: Robert, Matthew and Heather. Glen works for Alcan.

Bill McGregor, who married Hazel Rockwell, died in May 1987. Hazel died in August 1985. Bill and Hazel's children were James and Jean.

Jean married Ken Fouts, who worked for years for CIL. Their children were: Debbie, David, Darcy, Danny and Darla-Dee.

Debbie married Jason Kelley. They have a



Tom and Chris Abernethy's 40th Wedding Anniversary, April 9th, 1989.

child, Dina Jo-elle. David married Catherine McDermot. They have four children: Andrew, Matthew, Zachary and Benjamin. Darcy married Donna Bodell. They have three children: Pamela, Katrina, and Shawn. Danny married Janet Dul. They have a son, Steven. Darla-Dee married Marshall Mitchell. The Fouts live in Edmonton and area. James McGregor married Karen Nicholson. Jim has been the Administrator of the Fairview, Alberta, Hospital for many years. Jim and Karen have two children, Tammy and Ritchie. Tammy married Neil McKeachnie. They have two children, Jamie and Scott. Ritchie McGregor married Ellena Rose Snider.

Bella, who married Alex Carruthers, died in October 1986. Alex died in July 1955. They had no family.

Margaret married Alex (Chub) McLay. They had three children: Joyce, Mac and JoAnn. Chub passed away in October 1954. Mac passed away in June 1986, from the after-effects of the polio he had contracted as a youth.

Joyce married George Gillespie. They live on Vancouver Island, at Bowser, B.C. Joyce is very artistic. She has worked in pottery for some time, perfecting her technique over the years. She has her own potter's wheel, her moulds, does her own burnishing, decorating, stenciling, painting and glazing. Then she fires the finished product in her own kiln. Many family members are proud to have a plate, jug, vase, candy dish or mug, signed JIG, Joyce Isabel Gillespie. Joyce also paints lovely pic-



Standing, L-R: Jo-Ann McLay, Mac McLay and Joyce Gillespie. Sitting: Mag McLay with her 75th birthday cake.

tures, and frames them. In 1988, she painted all her own Christmas cards.

JoAnn McLay, worked 27 years for AGT, before moving to Toronto, Ontario.

Alex married Dixie Alderson. They had two sons, Robert and Scott. Robert married Arlene Burdon. They have two sons, Darren and Ryan. Scott married Margarette Hackman. They have five children: Murrie, Kevin, Debbie and twins, Darla Lee and Deana Lynn. They moved to Saskatchewan recently. The other family members live in Edmonton.

There are only Margaret and Alex left now, of the original McGregor Family. Margaret (Maggie) is still very active, attending hockey games, concerts, seminars, the opera and such special occasions as the Robert Burns banquet. She travels, too, taking an Alaskan Cruise last spring, and going to Hawaii for Christmas.

Alex has been an artist all his life. He has hundreds of paintings of lovely scenes. He used to drive out into the country and sketch a barn, a field of golden grain, an old fence, or country elevators. Back at home, he painted them. He also does charcoal sketches. He did portraits of his two sons when they were youths. He has done a series of 20 churches, each in a different style and medium. His latest venture is to locate spider webs, spray them on both sides, place a dark background board behind them, nip off the connecting radial lines, then spray them again. The web is then matted and framed. He has managed to complete 25 of these, no two webs exactly alike.

Bill McGregor belonged to a Lapidary Club. He enjoyed collecting unique stones, polishing them in a tumbler and setting them in brooches, rings and pendants. His wife, Hazel, did bead work. She bought beads in crystal, and all the pretty colors, and she made baskets, little ladies with flouncing dresses and doilies.

I have always been very proud to belong to the McGregor family. They kept close over the years. They enjoyed getting together for Christmas, birthdays and summer picnics. They loved Canada, and they were good citizens, contributing to a better world. Their influence of good and decency has extended down to the youngest member of our family. I still find myself quoting to my grandchildren, words of wisdom, spoken by my parents and grandparents.

McLAY, Beatrice

by *Bea McLay*

Bea continued to work until her early seventies, and was always delighted that her area was in the field of training young people for employment. While she worked at the College, her employer, Allan McTavish, a chartered accountant as well as College principal, became Executive Secretary for the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta, and at that point Bea's duties were changed from the College to the Institute. She thus became the first full-time employee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants (her claim to fame!). Since part of her duties there also includ-



L-R: Annie Abernethy, Bella Carruthers, Bill McGregor and Mag McLay, Aug. 10, 1980.

ed the registration of articling students, her field of work continued to be with young students, where she was happiest, and which kept her younger longer! Her main project during the retirement years is to complete the family history started years ago, before she knew how much work was involved.



Family of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McLay. Back Row, L-R: Donald, John, (missing Alex). Front Row, L-R: Bea, Marion (Molly), Isobel and Marjorie.



Back Row, L-R: Harold Clark, John McDonell, Donald McLay, Wilfred Barrell, John McLay. Front Row, L-R: Alice (Karren), Don's wife, Marion McDonell, Aunt Anna May Metcalfe (visiting from Vancouver), Isobel Barrell, Marjorie Clark, Gladys (Schultz), John's wife. Missing: Alex and Margaret (McGregor) McLay. Down Front: Bea McLay.

McLAY, Donald James and Alice

Donald J. McLay was born July 29, 1907 at Horse Hill, Alberta, fourth child in a family of seven. Donald was about nine when his father

bought a farm at Namao, where he grew up and attended Namao School. The family lived close to the community hall and church. It was Don's job to go down and light the coal furnace for many dances, card parties, suppers and meetings.

As a young man, he teamed on the road in the winter, digging the green feed sheaves out of the snow. He delivered them to Eaton's Barns in Edmonton for their horses and to the dairies, leaving home at 6 A.M. and returning at 5 P.M. He wore his buffalo coat and carried a bag of maple buds in his pocket.

Don and his father raised pigs, and he showed some of his pigs at the Toronto Royal Fair. Don was always proud of his ribbons and awards. He also grain farmed 640 acres of land with the help of hired men. At age 23, Don married Alice Karren of Fort Saskatchewan. They lived in a two-room house on the farm for three years, then built a house on the farm. They had their first child, Fred, Richard two years later, and Dale five years later.

Don was a good father, a good farmer, but not too healthy, so they decided to start out on their own a few miles down the road. They went into the dairy business, with the help of their boys and hired help. Their three sons helped on the farm, but none of them cared to farm and went to work in the city.

Don and Alice never did much travelling, but they did buy a lake lot and built a cottage which they shared with their family. Don loved the lake and they would go there whenever possible. Don loved fishing and boating and enjoyed family gatherings there with the grandchildren.

Don was a member of the Old Timers Association for many years and he and Alice attended their dances and socials at the Macdonald Hotel.

In 1971 they sold the farm and retired. They built a home in Namao district in 1972, and lived there until Don's health became a problem and he was admitted to hospital for treatment. He passed away April 1, 1986. Alice stayed at the acreage until November 1989, and then moved to a Seniors' Lodge.

History of Don and Alice's three sons: Frederick Donald married Eunice Westling and they had three daughters. He lived in Edmonton until his death in 1981.

Daughter Barbara, married Clinton Anderson of St. Albert in 1978. They have two sons, David Thomas and Jonathan Lee, and reside in St. Albert.

Daughter Wendy, married Grant Garner of Ed-

monton in 1979. They have two daughters, Laura Rae and Jessica Lee, and they reside in St. Albert.

Daughter Heather, will be married in 1990 to Calvin Pollock, and will reside in Sherwood Park.

Richard Alexander, middle son of Donald and Alice, got his schooling at Namao and from there moved to the city to work. In 1963 he married Jeanne Dentman of Leduc. They have one son, Scott, and reside in St. Albert. Richard works for Commander Industries, and Jeanne is employed at the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Dale Karran, youngest son of Donald and Alice, received his schooling in Namao and then moved to the city to work for the Provincial Government for many years. He retired from there and now works for Commander Industries. Dale never married. He lives in Edmonton.



Back Row: Don and Alice, Richard, Dale, and Fred.

McLAY, Jack

by son Ross McLay

Jack was born December 7, 1903, the second child of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McLay, in Coronation, N.W.T. Later in 1905, it was renamed Horse Hills, Alberta. In 1909 the family moved to Edmonton. They resided there from 1909 to 1913. Jack first attended school at Alex Taylor School, then later at Norwood School. Both schools are still in use in 1990. The family then moved to Woodburn, Oregon, U.S.A. in 1913. In 1915, they moved back to a farm one half mile west of Namao. Jack went to school in the winter and farmed in the summer. In 1919, an adjacent one half section of land was purchased from Wm. Griffin. In order to work the larger farm, a tractor and plow were acquired which Jack became very adept at operating. In 1925 he started out on his own farm, SE ¼



Jack McLay on McLay's tractor and plow in the year of 1919.

25-54-25-W4, in the Guilbault school district near the Starkey mine.

In 1928, he married Gladys Shultz, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Logan Shultz. They farmed there for 16 years. In 1944, owing to the health of his father, Jack, Gladys and family moved to the home place in Namao. Over the years Jack has been vice-president of the Northern Alberta Old Timers Association and president of the community hall. Jack and Gladys have modern square danced since 1953, for which they have their honorary membership pins. Jack was president of St. John's Belles and Beaus Square Dance Club in 1962-64. They are both life members of Northern Alberta Old Timers' Association. Jack and Gladys worked on the remodelling of the church basement in 1985 and Jack helped with remodelling of the community hall basement. Jack has served on the cemetery board. Jack and Gladys have enjoyed the new facilities over the last few years, especially Jack with the pool tables in the seniors' room. Jack and Gladys are both members of the seniors' club. At an appreciation night



Jack McLay working at Hugh Crozier's with Hugh Crozier's tractor doing the fall work in September, 1989.

in 1986, Jack and Gladys were given a plaque for their work in the community from the Rusty Blades Old Timers Hockey Club. In 1989, Gladys was given a plaque from the Namao United Church for her work in the community, and given the honor of being an honorary Elder of the church. Gladys was on the flower fund committee for shut-in, sick and bereaved for twenty-five years for the United Church Women. Jack retired from farming in 1973. They have three children: one daughter, Audrey, 1932; and two sons, Robert, 1935; and Ross, 1950.

Audrey went to school at Guilbault, Namao, Victoria Composite High School in Edmonton, and Vermillion School of Agriculture. She married William Elliot of 1971. They live in White Rock, B.C. Audrey works for an accounting firm in Vancouver. William works for a real estate firm in White Rock, B.C. Robert went to school at Guilbault, Namao, Mount Royal College, and Eugene, Oregon, where he obtained a business administration certificate, majoring in Marketing. He married Gail Pearce of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan in 1968. They have two girls, Joanne, 1972; and Tara-Lee, 1974. Both girls are in high school in 1990. Robert works for Amoco, and Gail works for the Calgary School Board. Ross went to school at Namao, Victoria Composite High School, and Mount Royal College in Calgary, majoring in Interior Design. He is now a home fashion consultant for Sears at West Edmonton Mall in 1990. Ross married Wanda Kupinska of Edmonton in 1971. They have three sons; Jason, 1973; Ryan, 1975; and Cameron, 1976. Wanda is a secretary for Alberta Grain Terminals. She has a five piece

orchestra and teaches music in organ, piano and accordion. Gladys and Jack keep themselves busy with their square dancing, church and community work. In 1988, Jack and Gladys celebrated their 60th anniversary with their family and friends.



Jack and Gladys McLay, 60th Wedding Anniversary, September 12, 1988.

McMILLAN, Jimmy and Family

by daughter Barbara Ellen Goode

We moved to the Riverdale mine in 1947, where my father worked as a fire-boss. I attended school at Carbondale, where I completed Grade 2, then finished the rest of my elementary and high school education at Namao. During this time period, we also lived at the Penn mine as well as the Starkey, where my mother, Barbara, worked in the office from 1956-1971. It was at the Starkey that my father met with a fatal accident in May 1958, while he was helping rebuild the tippie, the original of which had been damaged by fire previously.

After completing the "Junior E" teaching program at the University of Alberta, I returned to Namao and taught Grades 5 and 6. In 1961, I married Bill Goode at Namao and moved to Edmonton, where I did substitute teaching for about three years.

There are so many special memories of my life in the Namao district that it's very difficult to condense them all appropriately. Walking to school from Riverdale and the Penn mines with friends



Jack McLay Family. Robert, Gail, Bill Elliott, Audrey, Gladys, Jack, Ross holding Cameron and Wanda. Front Row: Tara-Lee, Joanne, Ryan and Jason.

such as Doreen and Gail Gibson, and earlier to Carbondale along the railway tracks with the Baileys, are very vivid events to me even today; the much-appreciated rides from Bobby Krahm and Chester Assesselstine, who hauled loads of coal to Edmonton and area, and never failed to stuff as many of us as possible into the truck cab, if they were going in our direction.

Then later, in the summer months, we rode the distance on our bikes and this of course included pedalling up the hill at the correction line. I especially remember a bike loaned to me by Mr. D'Aliva at Riverdale. It had a cross bar, which to me and my stature was quite an obstacle, and huge balloon tires, which made it extra difficult to master the hill. However, I did not have a bike of my own as yet. I felt like I owned the world!

A few years later, the school bus came into our lives and it too had its part in fostering unforgettable moments. Warren Gauthier had the patience of a saint most of the time, but when he laid down the law, we knew we'd better pay heed or we'd be walking. Often times the little panel-type bus, with seating running sideways, must have rocked from side to side as we all burst into song and lyrics that were popular at that time. I think even Warren joined in from time to time along with Celia Gervais, the Gwilliams, McDonells, Nelsons, Samises and Drinkwaters, to mention only a few.

Loving memories of Riverdale include all the moments spent with Mrs. Vera Lowe; times at the piano when she and I would sing favorite hymns and songs like "Whispering Hope". Also remembered are preparing and delivering lunch or supper to Dick and Ed Smith who were harvesting in the field, or watching Ed feed the cats during milking time as he squirted milk into their wide-open mouths. I remember also my mother's skills in the home permanent department, making Mrs. Lowe's hair so curly it made a poodle's hairdo look wavy.

The dances in the community hall rank high at the top of the list of great times "in the good old days" of my life. They were probably the highlight of my high school days, thanks to the generosity and patience of great folks like Mollie and Johnny McDonell, who always were there to see that everything went smoothly and efficiently, including the transportation!

The United Church with membership classes, Sunday school, Young People's choir, the music festivals and operetta all played a major role in my formative years at Namao. More special people like Mrs. Daisy Craig, Mrs. Ada Potter, and her daughters, Evelyn and Barbara, were always

there to share their time and talent, to lend a helping hand for any musical endeavour that would be undertaken. Because of them, my love and enjoying of all kinds of music was nurtured and is, to this day, an integral part of my life.

I remember as well, two years of enjoyable work and fun with Dorie Rye as we led CGIT together. Experiences during this time helped me later, when I led my own daughters in their Brownie and Girl Guide groups.

Now my daughters, Sheena and Tana, are both married. Sheena lives in Victoria, B.C. and works in a laboratory as a Marine Biologist (Mrs. Stuart Jensen). Tana, Mrs. Paul Pedersen, lives in Spruce Grove and works as a controller. Jimmy, not yet "hitched", lives in Edmonton and is manager of a men's clothing store.

Bill and I, after operating a car dealership in Edson from 1977-87, now live at Sunset Point on Lac Ste. Anne. Bill is an auto dealer consultant and used car wholesaler, and I'm a pharmaceutical merchandiser.

My mother lives in Spruce Grove, where she curls twice a week, as well as bonspiels every chance she gets during the winter; she keeps busy with her flower garden in the summer. She's already eagerly planning her 75th birthday party for December 1990! She's simply a going concern and keeps the rest of us "on our toes" just trying to keep up with her.

Murray, my brother, completed school at Namao and then apprenticed with the CNR as a diesel electrician. He married Helen Paul and they have two daughters, Heidi and Heather. Heather is attending the University of Alberta, and Heidi is in Grade 11.

I'd like to pay special tribute to all the people who touched my life at Namao, many of whom I've not mentioned — friends, teachers, ministers, students — but you're not forgotten.

McMILLAN, Ken and Family

I and my wife Elsie, along with five daughters, located in Edmonton from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, in November 1963. I was a pilot in the Canadian Air Force at the time. Since I would be up for retirement from the forces in a few years, and the job opportunities were good in Alberta, we decided to stay here after retirement.

Elsie found the site where we are now located and we started building in the summer of 1964. We completed the house and finally took up residence here in July 1965.

The stay in the forces turned out to be a little longer than expected as I took a two year extension, finally retiring in January 1971. I started working for the Government of Alberta as a field representative for Alberta Health Care in March of 1971. This was a very interesting and rewarding job. My final, final retirement came in August 1985.

The girls have all married and left the nest. Elsie takes off for Phoenix for six months every year. I keep busy in the basement with my model railroading hobby, and, when Elsie is home, she keeps busy with her oil painting and crafts in the upstairs part of the house. We have seven grandchildren who come for visits often, but the nice thing about grandchildren is they go home afterwards.

Retirement is not boring as I have been able to revive an old love of music. I sing with the Kiwanis Singers of Edmonton and have more recently become involved in solo singing in different spots in Edmonton, some of it in competition, but mostly for the fun of it.

That brings us up to date. There are no plans for moving, and we hope to spend many more years here in happy retirement.

MITCHELL, David and Margaret (Strachan)

by Margaret

I would like to start off with some family history. David's father, Harris Mitchell, was born in Edmonton in 1890. His mother, Ethel Bradfield, was born in Box, England (near Bath). They met in England during the first World War while Harris was serving in the Army. Ethel immigrated to Canada in 1926, and they were married in Edmonton soon after. David was born in the Belmont district. He started school at the old Belmont School, approximately three quarters of a mile east of Evergreen Store, and completed high school at Eastwood. He has one sister, Betty MacArthur, of Fairview, Alberta.

Harris Mitchell broke most of the land where he lived, which was the second quarter east of Clareview LRT station. All the buildings have been demolished with only trees remaining. The area was named after the Arthur Clare family who were oldtimers in the area.

I moved into the Belmont district in 1956, the year Dave and I were married. My father's parents, the William Strachan family, immigrated to Canada in the late 1800s from Aberdeenshire, Scotland, settling around Melita, Manitoba. My father was born at Carberry, Manitoba. My

mother, Annie Lawley, was born at Melita of English descent. Her father, Charles, came from England at 17 years of age, settling first in Winnipeg and then Melita. Both families were farmers.

My parents married in July 1915 in Melita at my mother's parents' house. I was born in Melita at my Aunt Merle's house. My parents moved to Alberta in 1931, settling first for a short time near Vimy, then the Dapp area, and then ending up in Pickardville. They made a final move to Edmonton in 1953. I come from a family of eleven children.

The Mitchells purchased the Peter Zapalsky farms, NE 18-55-23-W4M and SE 18-55-23-W4M, in Sunnyside in 1962, but didn't move into the area until June 1969. During the time we were living in Belmont, Dave was farming both farms. Our winters were more severe during the 1960s. I recall one winter, Dave hiring a Cat to break trail out to a haystack here in Sunnyside, to be able to have hay for the cattle we were feeding down at Belmont.



Margaret and Dave Mitchell.

The first four years we lived in Sunnyside, we were snowed in several times. We did a lot of shovelling to be able to make it out to the road. One occasion comes to mind when we pulled a sled out to the road, loaded with pop, to take to a 4-H Public Speaking Competition. The Jeffreys picked us up at the end of our lane. Another time in March, after another storm, a Stew Supper was

being held at Sunnyside Hall. Tom Eppinga brought in the meat by ski-doo for me to cook for the supper. Art Boorse operated the snowplow at the time, and he came in to make us a road out to attend the supper. He and Brenda also needed a babysitter for the evening.

The winter of 1971-72 had to be the worst winter for storms. Snow was piled up as high as the telephone poles. The snowplow couldn't handle it, and a Cat was used to clear it back off the roads. One was very cautious entering intersections. There were four Fridays in January the children didn't attend school. A big storm hit every Thursday making it impossible for school buses to run. We have a very good grader man in Tom Bowman, who keeps our lane open during the winter now.

Spring brought more problems. Our lane was impossible to use in the spring. It meant leaving the car just off the main road at the top of our driveway. The sled came into use again to transport groceries from car to house, and then finding SOS pads that had fallen off on the way to the house. It was a challenge getting to the house after dark through water that was pouring over the driveway. It took several years to build it up to the stage it is now.

Transporting machinery from one farm to the other was always a concern to me. Dave became tired of sandwiches and took to buying canned food that he would heat on the manifold of the tractor. Who said you need electricity? Dave took a job off the farm and found it difficult to farm and work out at the same time. Will took over the farm for the next five years, but decided to go back to work. A decision was made to rent the farm.

The first people I met at Sunnyside were Lillian Potter and Evelyn Griffith at the mailbox. That evening, a shower for Bonnie Gabbey was held at Sunnyside Hall. A thunderstorm had disrupted the power and the shower was held by candlelight. Lillian said it would be a good opportunity to meet the neighbours, but I wasn't brave enough.

I remember one winter evening while driving by Lillian and Clive Potter's, I ended up in the ditch. Clive never let me forget that, and almost everytime I saw him, he would ask if I had hit the ditch lately. He was such a tease. I had many visits with Lillian before she moved to Gibbons and enjoyed them all very much. There was always a cup of tea.

The Bowmans lived directly north of us. Will and Tom became friends and had a well used road between the two farms through the field. One night

Tom was driving down to our place in the fog and ran into one of our haystacks, ending part way up into the stack. We had heard nothing about this until Will used it as an impromptu at Public Speaking one night.

We have three children: William, Heather and Leslie. Will completed his high school at M.E. LaZerte in Edmonton. He has his Alberta and Interprovincial Heavy Duty Mechanic licence. He is employed by Halliburton Oil Well Services. He worked in the RCMP Auxiliary at Morinville and was presented with a plaque for five year service in February 1989.



Leslie, Heather and William Mitchell.

He enjoys hunting and has competed in four member team shoots with the RCMP. His team placed second at one of these shoots.

He married Margot Meiklejohn in December 1988. Will met her in Grande Prairie, but she hails from Lloydminster, Saskatchewan. Margot has two lovely children, Harold, 14, and Lindsay, 12. We became instant grandparents, which we are enjoying very much. They are presently living at Whitecourt.

Heather, our eldest daughter, completed high school at Sturgeon Composite, the first year it opened. She took a Medical Dicta Typist course at NAIT, and works at the University of Alberta in the Department of Medical Microbiology. Heather took piano lessons from Verna Hansen



Margot and Will Mitchell, December 31, 1988.

from Grade 4 until she completed high school. I thought it a real accomplishment when she mastered "The Sting", and passed her exam with honours.

Leslie, our youngest daughter, started school at Namao and graduated from Sturgeon Composite. She received several academic pins and also a scholarship. She has two years of University, but is undecided now whether to continue.

Leslie spent several months in Europe in 1989, backpacking through France, Switzerland, Italy and Greece, to mention a few places. When she returned to the British Isles, I got itchy feet and met her in Scotland in September. We had a month touring Scotland and England, which I enjoyed immensely.

All three children were involved with 4-H. The girls had several trips out of the province making many new friends. I hated to see it come to an end. It was like breaking up a big family.

Dave is employed as a driver by Sokil Express Lines. I worked for the Provincial Government in the Audit Department for five years before I was married, and later for Eatons at Londonderry.

We both enjoy travelling and have been to Mexico, Spain, Gibraltar, Morocco and Canary Islands. In our spare time, Dave likes to read, and I enjoy oil painting and sewing.

The Potters have been great neighbours to us. During the time we had cattle, we bought hay from Don.

I can't forget the Camerons. I have brought

many a bouquet of sweet peas home from Peggy's garden and enjoyed many cups of coffee and visits at their home.

We have seen many changes in our area: four or five acreages right around us, the old Duagh elevator has been demolished, and Sunnyside Hall updated with new siding and plumbing installed.

I was Secretary-Treasurer for the Hall Board for ten years, with Tom and Tina Eppinga, and Barb and Dan Harper looking after the hall rentals. They were great people to work with.

Sunnyside Hall is over 60 years old now.

We have enjoyed living in the Sunnyside district and have a lot of wonderful friends and many good memories.

NELSEN, Jack and Mary and Family

submitted by Ron Nelsen

My father, Jack Nelsen, passed away May 17, 1980, on his 83rd birthday. My mother, Mary Nelsen, in good health, is still gardening around her home on the family farm. My sister, Joanne, completed her Bachelor of Education degree at University of Alberta. She is married to Bill Stewart of Vancouver, and they are living there with their daughter, Karen Marie. Linda is also living in Vancouver and working as Director of Sponsorship for Vancouver Arts Club Theatre.



Jack and Mary Nelsen's Family on Jack's 80th birthday, 1977. L-R: Mary, Ron, Jack, JoAnn, Linda and Reg.

Diane and I have added a son, Jeffery, to our family of two daughters, Lisa and Suzanne. Also, that same year, saw the birth of Valley Farms, as a partnership between me and brother Reg. A 90-sow hog unit was established, which demanded that I become a full-time farmer.

When the necessities of family finally eased after the children left the nest, Diane took up the full-time business of teaching singing. Her stu-

dents range in age from 9 to 39; at least, that is the oldest confession recorded. Diane still carries out many singing engagements as soloist, and sometimes we both take part in singing duets.

Lisa completed a Bachelor of Music degree at the University of Alberta in flute and piccolo. She then studied in Holland for four years to complete a Master's Degree in music performance and chamber music. During this time, she performed with many orchestras, the highlight being concerts with the Netherland National Youth Orchestra in Concertgebouw in Amsterdam.

Suzanne has completed a Bachelor of Music Degree at McGill University, in bassoon. During her studies, there were many concerts with the McGill Symphony. The concert played in Carnegie Hall in New York remains a wonderful memory.

This year, 1990, their separate endeavours will come together, when both will perform with our Canadian National Youth Orchestra throughout eastern Canada.

Jeff also is pursuing a career in music as a french horn player. He has won several awards in Alberta competitions. In 1986, he toured western Europe with the Edmonton Youth Orchestra.

NIELSEN, Derek, Sheila, Lori and Brian

Derek, son of Niels and Muriel Nielsen, married Sheila Vanmeer of Edmonton, formerly of Boyle, Alberta, on August 16, 1975. Since then, they have lived on a portion of the Nielsen farm,



Lori, Derek, Brian, Sheila.

located just north of Carbondale, SE 17-55-24-W4th. They have two children: Lori, born on May 4, 1978; and Brian, born on December 6, 1980. Both children are presently attending school at Namao. Derek and Sheila own and operate two businesses: Derek's Welding and Service Ltd., which was started in 1978 and has served the community in many ways, from repairing farm machinery to designing and fabricating various metal products and equipment; and ZZZZee Best Plastics of Canada Inc., which was begun in 1988 and is steadily expanding and designing new polyethylene products for industry, farmers and other consumers.

In 1984 and 1985, Derek enjoyed creating the "Namao Agricultural Society Float" with his friends. He then organized the entry of this float in several parades, where it was enjoyed and appreciated by the viewers and participants, including Sheila, Lori and Brian. Among the more elaborate and more costly modern floats, this float served as a refreshing reminder of the simple, friendly ways of the "Good Old Days".

NIELSEN, Niels

Niels was killed in a farm accident in August of 1976.

Muriel resides on the home place. She still loves her gardening and greenhouse.

Barbara, now Mrs. Walter Sedor, lives in Edmonton with their two children, Sean and Charlene.

Victor and Joan have two children, Greg and Shelley.

Jean and Dave live in Carbondale. Their son, Kyle, married Barb Elechko and they live in Calgary.

Judy married Wayne Potter and they have two children, Sheri and Geoff. They live on the Potter Dairy Farm at Sunnyside.

Derek married Sheila Vanmeer. They have two children, Lori and Brian. They live in Carbondale.

OKERMAN, Gunnar and Joan (nee Boshier)

Gunnar and I were married October 14, 1947, lived in southern Saskatchewan until the fall of 1954. We bought SW 36-54-25-W4, which was then owned by Stewart Samis. In 1957 we built a new barn, milked several cows and shipped up to seven five-gallon cans of cream per week to NADP. In 1972 we sold our milk cows and equipment. I decided it was time to retire from milking cows,



Gunnar and Joan Okerman, Wedding, Oct. 14, 1947. L-R: Mrs. Boshier, Dorothy Brenton (Boshier), Joan, Gunnar, Ray Boshier and Mr. A. E. Boshier.

as I had been doing it for over 40 years (with no pension).

We had also built a new large chicken house in 1960, which housed over 2000 hens and roosters, for hatching eggs. We shipped eggs to Kingsway Hatchery from 1961 to May 1964, when they closed down. We then shipped to Pringle Hatchery until 1968, when they went out of business. We turned the chicken house into a piggery. We had up to 30 sows farrowing twice a year and sold weaner pigs. In March 1973 we had three sows deliver 60 babies within 30 hours. Not having enough sitting places at their table and unable to save them all, we were able to wean 38. About three weeks later, another sow delivered 23 and we were able to adopt some out, so she raised 13. Talk about population explosion! In the fall of 1974, we sold our pigs and retired from that too. We have tried our hand at several endeavours which did well for us, but a lot of work. We had a lot of help from Ken and Lorne, which made it successful. Gunnar worked for Norcen from July 1971 until July 1983, filling propane and butane tanks on the railway just east of our yard. Then they started to ship by truck. In 1982 we rented our land to our two sons, Ken and Lorne. We still have a few beef cattle, cow calf operation, just enough to keep us busy and out of mischief. We intend to stay on the farm as long as we can.

Marilyn, our daughter, is still residing at Red Deer, but plans are in the works now for her to be transferred to St. Albert.

OKERMAN, Ken and Carol

I was born in Southern Saskatchewan, came to the Namao district with my parents in the fall

of 1954. I attended Namao school for nine years, then went to Victoria Composite for my Grades 10 to 12 and took welding while there. I helped on the farm with chores, etc. while going to school. Lorne and I were given two little piggies and thought we may go into the pig business, but that's as far as it went, figured it would be too much work so piggies went to market as soon as they were big enough. I was employed by Dispose All in Edmonton for three years and then went to work at R Angus in 1972, where I still work. I married Carol Stacey of Edmonton in November 1974. We bought a mobile home and moved it to my parents' farmyard. We lived there until 1980, when we built a house on part of the farm. We have three children: Robert, Kathryn and David. They all attend Namao School. Lorne and I rented Mom and Dad's land, also land on Highway 37 west of Namao in 1981. This keeps us busy with farming and working too. Carol is presently going to NAIT.



Ken, Carol, Robbie (standing behind), David and Kathy.

OKERMAN, Lorne and Kim

I was born in Edmonton and attended Namao School for nine years, then M.E. LaZerte for Grades 10 through 12. I was a typical farm boy during my childhood. I joined the Sturgeon Valley 4-H Dairy Club for three years, picked eggs and helped with chores. During my high school years, I specialized in autobody. Shortly after high school, my first endeavour with the business world was opening a body shop. After discovering this wasn't the best way to make my first million, I decided to go back to school. In 1976 I attended NAIT, taking Electrical Engineering Technology. After graduation, I secured a job with Stelco in

Edmonton. From 1980 until 1987 I worked for various consulting firms. At present, I am employed with Alberta Energy Company in their pipelines division as a systems technologist. In April of 1989, I married Kim Hood. Originally Kim was from Ontario and moved west to marry a rich farmer but got stuck with me! Kim works at the Career Development Centre in Edmonton. Presently we live on the family farm. Both Ken, my brother, and I rent Mom and Dad's farm, as well as some additional property. It keeps us out of trouble to be working full time jobs as well as farming.



Lorne and Kim Okerman, April, 1989.

OLIVER, Joseph and Family

updated by great-granddaughter Dianne Gibson

Lora Oliver passed away in 1987. She lived in Penticton.

Wilf Oliver passed away on September 17, 1984. He was very active in his community of Gibbons. Aunt Emily lives in Spruce View Manor Seniors Home in Gibbons. Emily and Wilf's son-in-law, Gary Westover, passed away on June 16, 1989, in an airplane crash.

Lillian Potter moved to Gibbons from the farm

at Sunnyside on September 1, 1981, four years after Clive passed away of a heart attack on July 6, 1977. She now resides in Pinecrest Gardens Seniors complex at Gibbons since September 1, 1983. Lillian will be 89 in 1990.

Nellie McLaughlin still lives in Edmonton with her daughter, Donna, and husband, Art Kelm, and their two sons. Archie passed away on October 1, 1972. Donna has two sons, Kevin and Darren. Nellie's son, Ron, resides in Spruce Grove and has two children, Shaun and Kelly.

Doris Gibson, the youngest of the Oliver family, passed away on May 26, 1989. Bill Gibson still lives on his farm at Namao. See William Gibson history.

ONUSHKO, Lester

Lester was born in Lamont and raised on a farm in Skaro, approximately 40 miles NE of Namao. After leaving high school, Lester became an independent businessman. In 1979, after residing in Edmonton for several years, he moved to the H.E. Paul place near Namao. While living here, he met and married Nancy Low, also of the Namao area (Sturgeon Crest). They have four daughters: Navit, Nichole, Monique and Kerry-Anne.



Stone Creek — owned by Lester Onushko.



Stone Creek Museum — Owned by Lester Onushko.

They continue to live on their property known now as Stone Creek, a small resort park, developed by Lester and Nancy to enhance their tourist related business.

OSADCHUK, Michael and Olga

When war broke out in 1939, I left Vegreville along with my position as car mechanic and salesman. To get back to farming was the only way to avoid conscription. I located a half section of land south of Calmar, which was all in summer follow. The following year, in 1940, I had 280 acres in wheat. The crop was bountiful that year, but the price of wheat only 50 cents per bushel. In 1940, I met Olga Harrish. We got married in the spring of 1941. The farm had one drawback: the buildings were situated in the middle of the section. During the winter with snow drifted roads, getting out was hard. So I started looking for a different farm. In 1944, I bought Alex McDonald's half section, E½, S2, T 54, R 25, W4. It was close to the city, had many good buildings and a good supply of water. In the spring of 1945 we moved, and left behind numerous friends and relations. In the



Mike and Olga Osadchuk Wedding, May 24, 1941.

beginning, we missed our Calmar friends, our outings, including fishing in Pigeon Lake for white fish. In our new place we too, found many new neighbors with a ready welcome to meet us. Bill and Oliver Sinclair and families lived north of us. We socialized together a great deal. Oliver informed me about my north fields being badly infested with wild oats, so I summerfallowed it the first year. In 1946, my crop was very good with only 1% dockage wheat. However, the south quarter I put in barley, and boy, did I have Mr Flynn, the weed inspector, on my neck. He said to either cut it down or burn it. I swathed it early and was lucky enough to get Jack Harrold to combine inside of ten days. The next time he came around, my barley was in the bin. The following year I had Charlie Horricks do some combining. The soil was very rich and my wife always had success in her gardening. She took many prizes for her vegetables in garden competitions. There were years I hauled surplus vegetables to the city market square. We milked about eight cows, raised large flocks of chickens, turkeys and also lots of pigs. We sold eggs, dressed poultry and cream privately. In 1947, there was a shortage of threshers so I purchased my own. The first year Pearce Rossiter used his hay sweep to bring in the bundles. The following year I bought a stook loader and hauler unit. It was very handy and economical to bring bundles to the machine, and needed only three spike pitchers. I threshed for eight farmers, plus the Indian school land of 600 acres. It was hard to get stookers, so in 1950, I sold the threshing machine and loader and bought my first combine. I still needed a hired man for grain hauling. Most were inexperienced in handling a truck, so my wife took over and did most of the hauling. It was not that easy without a truck hoist, as a lot of shovelling had to be done. After a few years, I purchased a truck with a hoist, which was a great help for her. The grain was elevated with an engine powered grain auger into bins. We had the good fortune of having a lot of good well water operated by a windmill. We had Mr. McLean from Beatty pump dealer install us a pressure unit which was operated by windmill. What a great blessing for my wife to have running water piped into the house. No more carrying and carting with a two-wheeled homemade shay.

In 1950, a curling rink was built in St. Albert with the aid of Namao and St. Albert farmers. I was on a team with Oliver and Bill Sinclair, and Jim Sharpe as skip. The first year our team was fortunate enough to collect a few prizes for our



Our Farm, 1957.

bonspiel effort. This was the year when Hector Gervais had his beginnings in curling.

There was a lot of social life around. Every last Friday of each month, community dances were held in St. Albert, which we seldom missed. I was active in the Farmer's Union, later changed to Unifarm. I was president of the Namao Local for a number of years. We helped organize plowing matches and Farmer's Day picnics. Lloyd Powell and I canvassed for a number of years to get farmers to join the Union. We were quite successful. Meetings were held in different homes and women joined in the meetings. They always provided a luscious lunch for all to enjoy. We were in need of a phone, so with the aid of Mr. Bentley and Mr. Hudson, we were informed that Edmonton Farmer's Mutual would agree to hook us up. With the help of a neighbor, and my own effort, a party line was installed to join another line. There were 13 parties on the one line.

Electric power lines were installed in 1951, which made it possible to modernize the farm yard and home. There were no more lamps chimneys to wash, and gas lanterns for winter milking. Later a milking machine was installed, along with other conveniences.

In 1953, we were blessed with a son, Michael. Our lives revolved around him now, along with farming duties. In 1957, through the order in council and Alberta Government, our land was taken into the town of St. Albert. That put some hardships on us, as the tax was raised seven-fold due to the land being declared industrial. When Michael reached school age, we discovered there was no bus service to St. Albert, except to the Catholic students. We paid a tuition fee to Namao, and Michael was transported by bus, operated by Bud Crozier. He attended Namao until 1966. The high school was closed, and as a result, the stu-

Michael on his way to meet the school bus.



dents were transported by buses to Victoria Composite. When M.E. LaZerte was built, students were bussed there. There was no bus transportation for Michael to LaZerte, so he ended his high-school at Paul Kane in St. Albert, where he graduated.

In 1967, the three of us took a long train trip to Montreal and Expo '67, which we enjoyed.

One of the farm duties that my wife was not fond of was milking cows, and everything that pertained to cows was a chore, so she kept hinting about getting rid of them. But she also had a hankering to work in a department store. Woodward's Northgate, Lingerie and Foundations department, was her target. She finally got her wish. The cows gradually got sold and for sixteen years she worked. She still found time for her gardening, house and family duties.

In 1973 we moved to Edmonton and still farmed. In 1974, we took an extended Farm and Ranch Tour to Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, which we enjoyed immensely. That same year Michael married Sylvia Feenstra. They lived in the farm house for about two years. In 1977 we had our farm sale. We had purchased a motor home and did some extensive travelling throughout the four western provinces. We took a trip to Cuba in 1977, which was very much enjoyed. After sixteen years with Woodwards, my wife decided to retire and find other interests. In 1984 we made another trip to Cuba.

We now reside on a small acreage three miles south of Namao on Highway 28. We enjoy our summers at various lakes with our grandchildren, fishing, relaxing and enjoying the outdoors.

Michael, Sylvia and our three grandchildren, Karen, Jeanette and Cindy, now reside in Namao Ridge. The girls attend Namao School as Michael did. Michael is an owner and operator of a long distance truck operation, hauling merchandise

throughout the four western provinces. Sylvia is presently the school secretary at the Namao School.

PARKER, Levi and Family

submitted by Florence (Kieser) Vranas

Levi Parker, from Newall, England, married Mary Harris, from Myrthyrtydal Glamorgan, South Wales, in 1904 and came to Canada the following year with their new son, Jack.

Levi worked in coal mines in the Crowsnest area, and moved to Edmonton in 1911, operating the Twin City and Dawson Mines, was part owner of the Marcus Mine in Clover Bar, and bought the Alberta Mine in Cardiff in 1927, where he also farmed. The former Alberta Mine was located on the land that Levi bought in 1927. In time, he operated a small underground coal mine located elsewhere on this property, which was known locally as the Parker Mine. Even this mine had ceased to operate years before he leased out the property to Sundance Mines Ltd., who then began their strip-mining venture. Sundance Mines Ltd. leased the Levi Parker property in 1945 for a strip-mining venture. It went into operation under Paul H. Cote,

president of Sundance Mines Ltd. He retired in 1946.

Levi and Mary had three children: Jack, Winnifred and George. Jack, married to Barbara Jean Swanson, had three daughters: Shirley, Barbara and Kathleen, and one son, Brian. Winnifred, married to Duncan Stewart, had one son, Parker. George, married to Patricia Goodman, had a daughter, Gail, and a son, George.

Winnifred, a registered nurse, dedicated her life to the handicapped, starting the "Winnifred Stewart School For The Handicapped" in Edmonton in 1953. George, a school teacher, and later a navigator in the RCAF, was killed in the second world war.

Jack and his family remained in Cardiff, with Jack spending his life working in his father's mine. During the late 1930s Jack owned and operated the Cardiff Grocery Store, that he eventually sold to Mr. Grant.

Jack and Jean were very active in the Cardiff community, contributing much of their time helping to keep the United Church and Sunday School active during the "Depression Years". They took special interest in the young people of the community, keeping them busy, coaching boys and girls ball teams, planned skating parties on the old Dragline where everyone learned to swim, dances in the old two-room school house, the centre of community activity, including Christmas concerts, ball games and card parties. School teachers were boarded alternately at the Jack Parker and Herb



The Parkers taken in Clover Bar. Levi, Polly (Mary), Jack, Winnie, and George Parker.



Jack and Jean Parker, 1927.

Saunders' homes during the 1940s. When Jack died in 1950, Jean and her family moved into Edmonton.

Levi died six years later, and the Parker property was eventually sold for a housing development, known today as "Cardiff Echoes".

Chris and Florence Vranas (nee Kieser) were married in 1953, and went to live on this Parker property. Chris had first rented the land in 1952. Our three children were born while we lived there for fifteen years, after which we moved across the road into Cardiff, but still farmed the land and raised cattle until the land was sold for the development of Cardiff Echoes. One hundred and sixty acres of this Levi Parker Estate was bought by HMS Properties in 1976 and was eventually developed.

The poplar windbreak that stands today in Cardiff Echoes was planted by Florence Vranas, just north of the old house.

PAUL, Albert and Alma

Albert Paul was the eldest of two sons of James and Hazel (Carson) Paul. James Paul was born January 6, 1892, at Coleraine, Northern Ireland, and came to Canada in 1912. Hazel Paul was born at Namao on December 21, 1895, the daughter of Josiah (Joe) Alexander and Priscilla (Maxfield) Carson. Jim and Hazel Paul were married November 24, 1915. They lived in Edmonton until 1921, then farmed Joe Carson's land from 1921 until moving back to Edmonton in 1948. Jim became the manager of the Edmonton Exhibition Associ-



Albert and Alma Paul. 25th Wedding Anniversary. 1963.

ation and the Edmonton Flyers Hockey Club until his retirement in 1956. Jim Paul died September 8, 1972, and Hazel died October 17, 1975. Both are buried in the Namao Cemetery. Jim Paul was inducted into the Edmonton Northlands Hall of Fame on November 13, 1985.

Albert Paul was born in Edmonton on May 28, 1916. From 1948 he farmed the land of his grandfather and mother, N. ½ and S.E. ¼-3-55-24 W4. He married Alma Maxine Rye on July 21, 1938. Alma was born April 11, 1916, and is one of five children of Lawrence and Sarah (Ferguson) Rye. Albert was an avid fisherman and hunter, enjoying guided fishing expeditions into the mountains in the summer and big game hunting in the fall. Both Alma and Albert were active with the church and 4-H clubs, and enjoyed a summer cottage at Seba Beach. They built a new home on the family farm in 1963. Albert died of a heart attack



Albert Paul Family, December, 1961. L-R: Helen, Larry, Alma, Jim and Albert.

on November 28, 1966, and is buried in the Namao Cemetery. Alma still resides on the family farm. In the past 20 years she has enjoyed holidays to The Royal Winter Fair in Toronto, Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand, Alaska, the United States, the Maritimes, and cruises down the Rhine River, the Mediterranean and the Caribbean. Albert and Alma had three children: Albert Larry (Larry), born May 29, 1940; Helen Priscilla, born November 17, 1945; and James Allen, born March 21, 1953.

Albert Larry (Larry) was born May 29, 1940. He attended school at Namao and Alberta College and went to Vermilion School of Agriculture and Home Economics for two years, graduating in 1960. It was there that he met, and later married, Norma Lucille Beck, on October 18, 1963, in the Namao United Church. Norma was born



Albert Paul Family, June, 1990. L-R: Jim, Helen McMillan, Larry and Alma.

May 26, 1941, and is the fifth daughter of Irwin and Florence Beck of Czar, Alberta. Norma went to school in Czar and graduated from Vermilion School of Agriculture and Home Economics in 1960. Larry and Norma took over the managing of the farm after the death of his father in 1966. Their family still live in the house built in 1929 by Jim and Hazel Paul. Larry and Norma have been very active on the Namao United Church Board and with the Sunday School. Larry was Chairman of the Namao Community League for a number of years, and Norma, with the help of all family members, did the catering for four years. Larry has been part of the Namao Volunteer Fire Department since it began in 1982. He is also a member of Edmonton Northlands. Farming became secondary, when in June, 1987, Larry and Jim bought Namao Transport, previously owned by Tom Crozier. Larry and Norma have three children who live at home: Cheryl Maxine, born October 13, 1964; Vernon Charles, born April 20, 1967; and Becki-Linn, born April 3, 1974.

Cheryl Maxine, born October 13, 1964, enjoyed being the first grandchild and the first great-grandchild in both the Paul and Rye families. She attended Namao School and graduated from Sturgeon Composite High School in 1982. Cheryl was also active in Explorers, CGIT, 4-H Clubs and then drama. She worked for five years in child care, then with a career change in 1987, is presently working as a travel consultant.

Vernon Charles, born April 20, 1967, attended Namao School and graduated from Sturgeon Composite High School in 1985. While going to school, Vernon was active in the RCAF Squadron 524 Cadets, a 4-H member and Junior Leader for four years, and a member of the Namao Volunteer Fire Department. He went to NAIT to the

Building Construction Engineering Technology, graduating in 1988. He is presently employed by Eskimo Steel in Edmonton. Vernon and Lisa Helen Dalziel, born November 19, 1968, and daughter of Ian and Mae Dalziel of Redwater, will be married on June 16, 1990. Lisa graduated from NAIT in 1988 in Health Records Administration. She is presently employed at the University of Alberta Hospital in the Research Cardiovascular Area. Vernon and Lisa plan to live in the Namao area.

Becki-Linn, born April 3, 1974, attended Namao School and is presently attending Sturgeon Composite High School. Her goal is to become a music teacher, so is working towards this by playing the French horn in the Sturgeon Composite Concert Band, and completing her Grade 8 piano.

Helen Priscilla, born November 17, 1945, married Murray Wilson McMillan on June 18, 1965, in the Namao United Church. Murray was born December 16, 1944, the son of James and Barbara McMillan. Both Murray and Helen attended school at Namao. Murray left school and started an electrical apprenticeship with Canadian National Railways. Helen graduated from Namao School in 1963, then attended McTavish Business College and graduated in 1964. They resided in Winnipeg and Edmonton until 1973, when they built a home on a subdivision of the family farm. Murray has been employed by CN Rail for 29 years. He is now Alberta District Superintendent — Motive Power. Helen is employed as a secretary for the Alberta Liquor Control Board in St. Albert. Both Murray and Helen enjoy gardening, camping and fishing during the summer months.



Murray McMillan Family, June, 1990. L-R: Helen (Paul), Heidi, Murray and Heather.

Murray plays hockey for the Rusty Blades, and Helen tries her hand at oil painting and petit point during the winters. They have two daughters, Heather Ellen, born March 22, 1970; and Heidi Elaine, born November 15, 1974.

Heather Ellen, born March 22, 1970, attended school at Namao and graduated from Sturgeon Composite High School in 1988 with honours. She was the recipient of an IOF Scholarship, Symphony Women's Scholarship and Universiade '83 Scholarship. While attending school, she completed her Grade 8 piano and studied the bassoon. She was chosen to play the bassoon for the Provincial High School Honour Band for four years and the Provincial University Honour Band for two years. She has also played the bassoon for the Edmonton Youth Orchestra for four years. Heather completed one year of music studies at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, and is now in a Bachelor of Commerce program. She resides in Edmonton.

Heidi Elaine, born November 15, 1974, attended Namao School and is now a student at Sturgeon Composite High School. She will complete Grade 8 piano in 1990, and plays the oboe for the Sturgeon Composite Concert Band. She is a member of the Sturgeon Composite Drama Club and Amnesty International. Heidi lives at home and has not decided what her plans are after completing high school.

James Allan, born March 21, 1953, attended school at Namao and Victoria and M.E. LaZerte Composite High Schools in Edmonton. After leaving school, he drove a school bus for Briggs Brothers for a year. Jim then took an apprenticeship in welding and obtained his ticket in 1978. He worked for several years for Cessco and Dreeco. When work was scarce with the downturn in the economy, he turned to driving a water truck for Namao Transport. He stayed with the company until the owner, Tom Crozier, died in 1987. Together with his brother, Larry, they bought the business in 1987 and continue to operate Namao Transport (1987) Ltd. as a domestic and commercial water hauling service. Jim is an avid water skier and loves camping at Baptise Lake, Long Lake and Wizard Lake with friends from the community. He has enjoyed many vacations to the Okanagan Valley. Jim has played hockey with the Namao Nitehawks (Sailcats) for twelve years and the Rusty Blades for five years. His latest hobby is 4 wheelers — ATVs. Together with his girl friend, Diana Howell, they have spent many hours and travelled many miles on their ATVs around the Namao area.

PAUL, Harold and Angy **1967 to 1990**

This chapter should record the passing of Jim Paul in October of 1972, also the passing of Hazel Paul September of 1975. They are both buried in the family plot in the Namao Cemetery. It was after Jim's passing that the Edmonton Northlands established a wall of fame in the new Agricom Building to recognize outstanding contributions of their directors, and so it was that Jim was elevated in 1984.

Since the Cameo of the West covers the family members up to 1967, no mention need be made prior to that date.

Harold was elected to the Sturgeon School Division #24 Board of Trustees in 1969, and served as chairman of the buildings, grounds and maintenance committee until retirement from the board in 1978, upon completion of the Namao Composite High School for the Sturgeon Division.

Daughter Elaine Hood, has three children: son Daren, born 1966, and his twin sisters, Leslie and Lannie, born in 1968. Elaine and her three children live in the United States.

Son Bill Paul, was captured by the glamour of the road and the big trucks. He is still a successful operator with his own equipment. He make his home in Fort Saskatchewan.

Daughter Linda married Lorne Spady of Alliance in 1968. They have a daughter, Joely, born 1970, and a son, Barclay, born in 1974. They live just south of Sherwood Park.

1980 brought a big change in lifestyle for Harold and Angy. Harold underwent heart surgery and his active role in farming came to an abrupt end. The farming operations were carried on with arrangements with the Kernahan family. Harold and Angy continued to enjoy their love of travel in a recreational vehicle, and in 1980 purchased a home in Mesa, Arizona, where they spend the winter each year.

In 1986, Edmonton Northlands bestowed an honorary life membership on Harold in recognition of 18 years of service to the livestock committee and three years as a section chairman of the parade committee.

1988 was another milestone for the Pauls. The home in Arizona was sold. The home quarter of the farm at Namao was sold to Peter and Pat Dahay of Edmonton. Harold and Angy are now retired to a magnificent new retirement development near Mill Bay, Vancouver Island, called Arbutus Ridge, where they reside in a new home on lot one.

June 10, 1989, was the fiftieth wedding an-

niversary for Harold and Angy. Much celebrating took place, first at Arbutus Ridge with new friends, and then at Namao and Fort Saskatchewan with family and friends.

Angy was well known for her large and beautiful garden at the farm at Namao, and the sharing of the produce. This will be missed at the new home, as will the carving and preparing turkey at the annual United Church Women turkey supper, which she did for over 30 years.

So with the enjoyment of their fifth wheel trailer and the open road, with their new golf course in Arbutus Ridge, with Harold golfing away, and with Angy caddying away, the Pauls look forward to the nineties.

PEARSE, John L. and Dorene

Jack and Dorene Pearse moved from their house on Highway 28 by the overpass in November 1977. They purchased the farm of Harold and Doris Clapp, the original Craig farm. They completed the home they now live in, in 1978, NE 4-55-24-W5. Darren Pearse, their oldest son, completed his education at M.E. LaZerte in Edmonton, and went to NAIT, where he took his electrical apprenticeship. He is a journeyman electrician, and that makes three generations of electricians in the family. Darren has also taken his journeyman machinist. He is living at home at this time.

Brian Pearse graduated in the first graduating class from Sturgeon Composite High in 1980, and completed his agriculture engineering at the University of Alberta in 1986. He married Colleen Kim Eklund October 4, 1986. Colleen is from the Winterburn district. They now have a son, born on August 14, 1988, Dawson Lindsay Pearse. Brian is now working for Stewart and Weir Sur-



Mr. and Mrs. Jack L. Pearse, Brian, Jack, Grandson Dawson, Darren. Front Row: Daughter-in-law Colleen and Dorene.

vey Engineers. He is presently attending University of Alberta taking his civil engineering.

Jack is busy with Kodiak Electric Ltd. that he started in 1966. He is still busy with the Namao Horse Club. They put on a show every June that is very well attended. He also is involved with the Namao Community Agricultural Society, and the West Yellowhead Appaloosa Club. He is a share holder at Northlands, and is the chairman for the Challenge of the Breeds in Edmonton. We still have seven horses that can be seen grazing when coming up the north hill of the Sturgeon Valley.

PEARSE, William 1888

(his own auto-biography as it appeared in the first "Cameo")

I was born in Ontario, twelve miles west of London, in 1865. When my father died, leaving my mother with a family of seven children, I was seven years old. I, then, was among strangers, and obtained my early education under the guardianship of Mr. and Mrs. Hacker.

In 1883, I left for Muskoka and Parry Sound country to locate on a farm. Finding only timber and rocks, I gave up the idea and went to work in the lumber camps. It was while there that I met Jack Booth who had been out west at the time of the rebellion. He had a great story to tell of this western country.

In the spring of 1888, I came to Calgary in company with John Flynn who was bringing a carload of effects with him. In the latter part of June we landed in Calgary, that being the end of the railroad. After a two week stay, in which we built covered wagons, we were prepared for our journey. On July 3, we left for Edmonton, our outfit consisting of two teams, a wagon, one horse, and buckboard* and a drove of cattle. We were fifteen days on the road, fording rivers, getting stuck in the mud, and once having our horses stolen by Indians who, when rewarded, returned the horses.

Our main company along the trail were bulldogs** and mosquitoes. On July 18, we landed in Edmonton, crossed the river on the ferry and camped near where the General Hospital now stands. From there we moved to St. Albert. We rented a house and covered many miles in search of land, going north and east.

Finally, I obtained a job with Mr. Maloney for three months, then moved to the homestead three miles west of Namao. I took the homestead in 1888. In those days I lived on rabbits, prairie chick-



William Pearse and Family. Front Row, L-R: William and Mary Pearse. Back Row, L-R: Eileen, John, Harry, Francis, Violet and Bill.

ens and black flour. I sold this homestead in 1898, and bought a half-section south of Namao, where we have lived for thirty-seven years.

In 1895, I was married to Mary Arnold and we had four children: Harry, William, John and Mae. Mae died in infancy. Hard times were with us and it was a big effort to raise our family and pay for the place.

We had to put oats through the fanning-mill twice, before hauling them to Edmonton (Strathcona) where we received 12 cents a bushel for them. To cut down the cost of farm operation, Mrs. Pearse often worked in the fields during haying and harvest, while I hauled freight with horses for the Hudson's Bay Co. to Athabasca Landing, a distance of 100 miles, and suffered many hardships.

* Buckboard — a buckboard was a light four wheeled buggy without springs

** Bulldog — a type of biting insect about the size of a wasp.

The PEARSE Family

continued by John Pearse

My father, William Pearse, better known as "Billie", passed away in September 1942, and my mother in 1974, at the age of 96 years. My eldest brother, Harry Aldridge Pearse, born 1898, studied medicine in Canada and the United States, becoming an obstetrician and residing in Detroit. Harry married a Detroit girl, Frances Russell, and they had a son and daughter, Warren and Mary. Warren married Jacqueline (Jackie) and they have five girls. Warren has followed in his father's footsteps, and is a doctor. Warren is the Dean of Medicine in Washington, and is affiliated with the White House. He resides just outside of Washington.

Mary married Jack Rae and they have three girls. Her family lives in Detroit. Harry's wife, Francis, passed away. He married Emma Coburn and has retired in Detroit. Harry has returned to Namao every year since he left to visit family and friends.

My brother, William Wesley Pearse, born 1900, married a Millet girl, Violet Shaw, in 1923. They had three children: Mildred, William Jr. and Betty, and lived in the Namao area until 1947. The family then moved to Millet, where they farmed until 1958, a year after Violet's passing in September 1957. Bill then moved to Edmonton and worked for an oil company and Clark Lumber. He married Marion Duffey and remained in Edmonton for several years. Marion also passed away, and Bill lives in the Youville Nursing Home in St. Albert, near his daughter, Betty.

William Jr. passed away in March 1942, when only 15 years of age, from cancer. Mildred trained to be a nurse and, after receiving her diploma and registration of nursing, travelled to Ontario. There she met Bert Smythe, married him, and they had four children: Jim, William, Dean and Sandra. Bert was an engineer for the Canadian National Railroad, and Mildred a practicing nurse. They have both retired and live in London, Ontario. Their son, Jim, married Susan Pope in 1972 and they have two girls, Lynne and Erin. Jim has remained in Ontario, along with his sister, Sandra. Dean passed away at the age of four, due to cancer. Bill (William) married Susan Gilmour in 1978, and they moved to Edmonton in 1984. Bill is an assistant professor at the University of Alberta, in the field of psychology, and Susan is a registered nurse at the University Hospital. They have one son, Gregory Gilmour William Pearse.

Betty also trained in the field of nursing and received her diploma and registration in 1959. She married Eric Scharf in 1970 and they have three children: Charlene, David and Kenneth. Eric has been employed as a supervisor for the Edmonton Transit System for 23 years, and Betty is currently the head nurse for a Medi-Centre. They now reside in St. Albert. Charlene Ruth is an English and Drama teacher in Wetaskiwin, Alberta, and is currently working on her Master's in Education. She lives in Edmonton. David Konrad joined the Canadian Armed Forces several years ago. He is currently a technician for the Snow Birds, a precision flying group. Flying with the Snow Birds as a passenger is a thrill for David, and his dream is to be a pilot with them. Kenneth Eric is in marketing sales and is an avid rugby and hockey player. Ken resides in Edmonton.

PEARSE, John

I was born in 1902 and given the name of John Hill Pearse. After my father's death, I remained on the farm. In 1927, I married Eileen Moore and we had six children: Muriel, Evelyn, Jack, George, Dorothy and Norma. The government had expropriated the farm for an addition to the Namao Airbase, and we moved to Vancouver for a couple of years. Alberta called, and I came back with the children. Eileen decided to stay in Vancouver. I bought five acres from Mrs. J. J. Ferguson, moved and renovated the old home from the farm. I later married Margaret McDonald (nee Strachan), and as I had turned to electrical work, I continued in that business. We continue to live in the much renovated farm house, and I have retired my electrical company, Pearse Electric.

My eldest daughter, Muriel Mary, married Cal Meyer in 1954. Muriel is a financial advisor for Sealy of Canada, and Cal has retired from his profession as a heavy equipment operator. Muriel and Cal have a beautiful home on an acreage near Ardrossan.

Evelyn Hazel married John Robert (Bob) Jeffery in 1951, and they had two daughters, Terri and Colleen. They lived on the Jeffery homestead in Sunnyside until 1965. Bob was tragically overcome by carbon monoxide gas, while repairing a farm truck, and Evelyn was left a widow in 1964. In 1965, she built a new home on the adjacent quarter-section of land, and in 1967 married Don Griffiths. They continue to live in



Pearse Children: Muriel, Jack, George, Evelyn, Dorothy and Norma.

Sunnyside, near Namao. Evelyn has worked as a sales clerk for Woodward's Stores since 1969, and Don, better known as "Griff", is currently hog farming. Terri Lynne married Jim Beaton in 1975 and they have a son and daughter. Jim is a buyer for Edmonton Meats. Jaimie Colleen was born in 1982, and Jeffery Hollis in 1985. They live in Hewitt Estates near Bon Accord. Betty Colleen married Dennis Caspove in 1981, and they have two girls. Dennis is a salesman for Stedelbauer Chev. Olds. Jessica Lynne was born in 1983, and Kelly Suzanne in 1985. They live on the same quarter-section as Evelyn, in Sunnyside, near Namao.

John Leslie (Jack) married Dorene Joan Christman in 1958, and they have two sons, Darren and Brian. Jack is an electrician and owns Kodiak Electric and Kat Electric, and Dorene is a bookkeeper for the two companies. They reside in Namao. Darren John is a journeyman electrician and a journeyman machinist. He is currently employed by the family business, and continues to live in Namao. Brian Godfrey married Colleen Eklund in 1986. Brian is an engineer for Stewart Wier, and is currently working towards his degree as a civil engineer. Brian and Colleen reside in Edmonton and they have one son, Dawson Lindsay, born in 1988.

George William married Mildred Joyce (Joy) Yanik in 1960, and they had two daughters, Jodee and Cindee. George worked as an electrician for Kodiak Electric until his death in February 1989. Joy works as a secretary for the International Brotherhood of Plumbers. Joy resides in Edmonton. Jodee operates Pearse Consulting, and is currently employed by the Sawridge Group as a systems analyst. Cindee is employed by River Valley Equipment. Both Jodee Gay and Cindee Jay reside in Edmonton.

Dorothy Eileen married Roald Trygve Ungstad in 1955, and they have five children. Dorothy is the co-ordinator of student services in the County of Ponoka, and is also the chairperson of the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund. In 1977, Dorothy received the Queen's Silver Medal for service to the community. Roald has semi-retired from his many farm duties. Dorothy and Roald live on the original Ungstad family farm, north of Ponoka. They have three daughters and two sons: Eileen, Wayne, Gail, Joan and Peter. Eileen Ingeborg married Edward Todd in 1977, and they had two children, Peter and Mark. Eileen and Ed were divorced in 1983, and in 1984 Eileen married Daniel Johnstone. Eileen is teaching in a group home in

Wetaskiwin. Dan is a mechanic, with hopes of becoming a Mechanics teacher. He is presently working on a cattle farm until he enters college. Peter James Johnstone was born in 1978, and Mark Roald Johnstone in 1981. Wayne Roald is currently working as a recreation helper to patients at the Alberta Hospital in Ponoka. Wayne lives near the family farm, and helps out with the chores. Wayne also operates a tree moving truck, and has a tree farm. Gail Mathilda has her Master's Degree in Social Welfare. She is working in Slave Lake as a Social Welfare worker. Joan Solveig married Gerald Van Wolde in 1982 and they have four children: April, Ryan, Holly and Heather. Joan and Gerry operate a dairy farm in Ponoka. Gerry is also a counsellor for a boys' club and Joan keeps the farm records. April Dorothy was born in 1982, Ryan Klaas in 1984, Holly Dien in 1987, and Heather Jo in 1988. The youngest son, Peter John Trygve, married Christine Gellatly in 1984. Peter is an electrician and has taken courses in Agriculture at the Olds College. Peter helps his parents with the farm, and also does electrical jobs. Chris is a bank teller in Ponoka. Peter and Chris live one mile from the Ungstad farm. They have one son, Peter Kerr Roald, born in 1987, and they are expecting their second child in May 1990.

Norma Frances married Max Frederick Kuerbis in 1962, and they have three children: Charmaine, John and Ramona. Max works as a boilermaker and also repairs airplanes. Norma has taken several correspondence courses to upgrade her education. Norma and Max live in Rochester, Alberta. Charmaine Julia Ann married Perry Smith in 1988. Perry is a cook for the Wainwright Army Camp, and Charmaine is employed as a day-care worker. John Max Frederick married Patti Fricke in 1989. John is a sales manager for Rent Town, and Patti is entering Red Deer College to continue her education. John and Patti live in Red Deer. Ramona Mary Frances, a talented artist, entered the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology in Edmonton. She is currently working for a graphic art design company, and resides in Calgary.

I have had many triumphs in my life, including my children, my 14 grandchildren and my 12 great-grandchildren (so far). For many years I was a shareholder in the Edmonton Exhibition, now Northlands, and I have passed this honor to my son, Jack. Every year our family reunites at the Namao Community Hall to renew our love and friendship. We invite Pearses from all over Canada and United States to attend our reunions. It



L-R: John Pearse (88), Gladys Martel (Kelly-Everitt) cousin who lived in Carbondale where Adolf Yeske now lives (81), Bill Pearse (90), Harry Pearse (92).

is not uncommon to have 70-80 Pearses sit down for a meal at our summer reunions or for Christmas blessings.

PETRYSHYN, Adam and Pauline

Being country folk at heart, we decided to leave the city in 1969 and build a home in the country. Leaving behind paved streets, sidewalks and a finished yard, we built our home on a three acre parcel of solid quack grass. It took a few years, but with the variety of trees that we planted, it has grown to be a beautiful yard.

Adam had worked for the City of Edmonton for 37 years and is now retired. He enjoys the work involved in looking after a big yard and the many golf courses around the area.

We have three children: Ron, Larry and Mor-



The Adam Petryshyn Family.

ris. They all attended Namao School. Ron and Larry went to high school at M.E. LaZerte, while Morris went to Sturgeon High School.

Ron is married and has an eleven year old son, Sean. Sean lives in Wetaskiwin. Ron owns his own truck and does a lot of camp moves for the oil-fields. He has travelled from coast to coast and throughout most of the United States.

Larry married Julie Gaumont July 5, 1986. They live in Gibbons and have two daughters: Nicole, born July 13, 1987, and Leanne, born September 1, 1989. Larry is now employed with Northwest Transport.

Morris lives in Edmonton and works for Ter-rault Transport. He still plays hockey with some of the boys he grew up with.

We have enjoyed living in the nice quiet neighborhood of North Point for the past twenty years.

PLUMLEY Family

Norah Hook (Plumley) is the daughter of William James (Jim) Plumley and Margaret Lockhart, whose families were early settlers of the area.

Jim Plumley's father was William James Hall (Bill) Plumley. Bill went to the U.S.A. from England in 1885 and worked with his uncles rebuilding after the Chicago fire. In 1886, he came to Canada to see his only sister, Kit, who had married Eustace Whitely and was living at Poplar Lake. He decided to stay in Canada, and in 1887 started freighting from Calgary to Edmonton. In 1887 he was joined by his English girlfriend, Martha George. She stayed at Hardisty's, the Hudson Bay factor, and also worked at Walter's Ferry. They were married in 1888. Jim was born in North Edmonton in 1889, and Tom in 1890.

Bill continued freighting but bought a homestead on what is now the Gibbons highway. He built a sod house there and later a log house. He bought an adjoining quarter of land from Mr. McKechan. He farmed in the summer and freighted from Calgary to Edmonton to Athabasca in the winter. Maud, Alice Ann and Kathleen were born on the homestead. Bill moved his family back to North Edmonton because of his mother's ailing health. As a widow, she had come from England to live with her family. Another daughter, Evelyn, was born in Edmonton in 1897. The Plumley family moved back to the homestead in 1898. Florence was born in 1899, and John Vincent (Jack) in 1904. In 1907 they built a brick house, which still stands, and is occupied by descendants. After freighting to Calgary stopped with the com-



W. J. H. Plumley Family, 1924. Back Row: Maud, Evelyn, Jack, Kathleen, Mr. Plumley, Florence, Jim, Tom. Front Row: Margaret (Lockhart), child — Lois, Mrs. Martha Plumley, child — Norah (Hook).

ing of the railroad to Edmonton, Bill continued freighting to Athabasca Landing. That too, ended with the railroad being extended to Athabasca in 1912. Plumleys continued farming with the help of son Jack, until 1937, when they moved into Edmonton. Mr. Plumley died in 1938. Mrs. Plumley died in 1949. They were members of the Old Timers Association and Mrs. Plumley was a life member of Patricia United Church.

The Plumley children attended Horse Hill and Notre Dame Schools. Maud married Dick Delong and had one son, Jack, and five grandchildren. Tom and Kathleen didn't marry. Evelyn married Frank Chiddell and had two children, Philip and Gwen, and six grandchildren. Florence married Ulrich Weideman and had two sons, Max and Bill, and four grandchildren. Jack continued living on the farm after his parents moved to Edmonton. He married Susannah Brumfit of Gibbons. The Plumley family members have all passed away.

Jack Plumley's family of six children attended Horse Hill School and some of them still live in the near area. Patricia married Roy Gilmore (deceased) and has two children. Jo-Ann and Ian. They live near Fort Saskatchewan.

Francis is married to John Kampjes. They have two children, Tom and Leslie, and live east of Gibbons.

Susannah Madge is married to Dale Krinke. They have no children and live at McBride, B.C.

Bill married June Magnus. They have two children, Lisa and Randy, and live east of Gibbons.

Florence (Bo) married Vern Andrews (deceased). She has two children, Glen and Carol and lives in Calgary.

Dixie Lee married Greg Lefebre. They have two daughters, Tracy and Jamie. They live in St. Albert.

PORTER, Bruce and Muriel
1967-1989

continued from "Cameo of the West"
by Muriel Porter

Bruce and I continued to dairy farm until 1969. The herd was then sold, and we turned to raising grain and feeding beef cattle for several years. In the meantime, the city annexed the area, and the land was sold. We continued to live on the property until 1977, when we moved to a new home in Castledowns. The old farm is city now, with houses, shopping centres, school and a couple of man-made lakes.



Four Generations of the Porter Family, 1960. Grandma Porter holding Ross, Bruce, Roger.

In 1969 Carol lost her life in an accident. Our son, Roger, was left with two small children, Ross and Shelley. In 1970 Roger married Rita Noble, a widow with two small sons, Randy and Reece. In December of that year, a daughter, Lana was born. All the children received their early education in Hudson Hope, B.C. Roger is superintendent of public works with the Municipal District of Hudson Hope. Ross married Sherry Roblin of Kamloops, B.C., in 1987. They now live in Winfield, B.C. and have a son, Kyle Allan, our great-grandson. Shelley attended Mount Royal College in Calgary. She married Daniel Lee in 1987. Dan is an accountant with the Bank of Commerce, and presently they are living in Red Deer, Alberta. They have a baby boy, Steven Douglas, our second great-grandson, born in 1989. Randy, Rita's son, attended University of B.C. in Victoria. He married Staci Hunter in 1988. They live in London, Ontario,



Porter's Home, 1952. Our second home on the farm — SW 4-54-24 W4. Now known as Lago Linda Properties in Castledowns.

where Randy is presently employed by the city fire department. Reece, Rita's youngest son, attended Red Deer College. Later he became an apprentice electrician. In 1990 Reece died in a traffic accident. Lana, Roger and Rita's daughter, is presently attending Mount Royal College in Calgary.

Our son, Douglas, acquired his Bachelor of Commerce degree in 1968. Subsequently, he became a chartered accountant. He married Diane Hailes of Camrose in 1972. She is a dental hygienist. They live in Sherwood Park. Douglas is presently an assistant Deputy Minister for the Alberta Government Department of Transporta-



The Bruce Porter Family, 50th Wedding Anniversary, 1985. Front Row: Bruce and Muriel. Back Row, L-R: Douglas, Lorri and Roger.

tion. They have three children: David, Brian and Karen, all in school.

Lorri, our daughter, attended Namao school for two years. When our farm was annexed by the City of Edmonton, Lorri transferred to the city school system. She graduated from M.E. LaZerte High School. In 1981 she attended the University of Alberta in the Faculty of Dentistry and graduated as a dental hygienist in 1983. In 1983 Lorri married Gerald Bogner and divorced in 1986. In October, 1988 she married Roger Coppock. They now live on an acreage near Calgary. They have Tennessee walking horses, so are kept very busy as both are employed full time in the city of Calgary.

MARSHALL, Muriel (nee Porter)

by Bruce Porter

Muriel's first husband, Everett Mahon, of Edson, lost his life as the result of a traffic accident in 1958. Muriel was left with two children, Gary and Linda. Muriel married again in 1961 to Charles Marshall. They resided in Edmonton for a few years, then moved to Kelowna, B.C. Charles continued his avocation of taxidermy in their new location. Failing health caused him to be hospitalized for many years. In June 1989 he passed away. Two weeks later Muriel died of a heart attack. She will be remembered by all who knew her, as one whose life was dedicated to her family.

Gary and wife Shirley continue living in Edson. Both teach school. They have two boys, Todd and Trevor. Todd is attending the University of B.C. Trevor has just completed Grade 12.

Linda and husband Dennis Conarro now live in Edson. They have a son, Shaun, and a daughter, Kathi. Shaun is completing courses at the

University of Lethbridge. Kathi has graduated from High School and in 1989-90 she attended the University of Calgary.

PORTER, Kenneth Drysdale

by Ken Porter

Ken Porter served in the RCAF as a flying instructor during World War II. He attended university in Edmonton after the war, and then ran the family farm with his brother, Bruce, for a number of years. He got a job with the Alberta Department of Agriculture as an economist and



Varnes K. Porter, Catherine Porter, Ken Porter.



J. K. and E. C. Porter at Chilliwack in 1957.



Pearl and Ken Porter, 1st Anniversary. Jasper Park Lodge, August, 1981.

commuted to work in Edmonton from the farm. He was with the Department from 1957 to 1977, at which time he retired. In 1979 he left the farm, which became part of Castledowns Phase II, and moved to Edmonton.

He and the former Pearl Hawrelak, who had been friends during teacher training at the Edmonton Normal School, were married in 1980. Pearl's family, at that time, consisted of three married daughters: Jeanette King, Gina Nichols and Patti Young. Ken and Pearl are now living in the Windsor Park area of Edmonton.

POTTER, Donald Family History

Don and Laura's three children have all married and reside in the Namao area. They have six grandchildren: Brad, Sheri, Sandy, Geoff, Chelsea and Gina.

Don served as co-ordinator of junior hockey in the early to mid-sixties. Don was a member of the local school board and also served as president of the Namao School and Community League for several years.

Laura spent many years behind the counter of the rink concession. Laura was also leader of the Explorers for 13 years and 2 years with C.G.I.T.

Don and Laura have been avid football fans of the Edmonton Eskimos since 1949 and have attended 10 Grey Cup Games.

Don and Laura and their oldest son, Wayne, and his wife, Judy, are still carrying on the dairy business and farming operations.

Wayne married Judy Nielsen, daughter of Niels and Muriel Nielsen of Carbondale, on April 25, 1970. They reside on the family farm. They have two children. Their daughter, Sheri, was born on July 2, 1974, and their son, Geoff, was born on May 2, 1978. Sheri is currently in Grade 10 at Sturgeon Composite High School, and Geoff is in Grade 6 at Namao School. Sheri joined the Namao Junior High Band in September of 1986; she expressed an interest in the saxophone. Grandpa pulled out his saxophone, which had been in storage for over thirty years, and gave it to her. Sheri is currently active in the Sturgeon Composite High School Band and still playing Grandpa's saxophone. She was a member of the Sturgeon Honor Band in 1988-89 that was formed to play in honor of the Sturgeon School Board's 50th anniversary.

Wayne has been an auxiliary constable with the Morinville RCMP detachment for the past nine



Don and Laura Potter's 40th Anniversary, 1987. Back Row: Brian, Brad and Wayne. Middle Row: Carmen holding Gina, Dianne, Laura, Don, Judy, Phil, Judy holding Chelsea. Front Row: Geoff and Sheri.

years. Wayne has also been an active member of the Namao Volunteer Fire Department since 1983.

Dianne married Phil Gibson, son of Cyrus and Ruby Gibson, on June 6, 1970. Dianne and Phil reside on the Gibson family farm. They have one son, Brad, currently living at home and attending U of A.

Sandy is Brian's oldest daughter from a previous marriage and now resides in Dacre, Ontario. Brian married Carmen Carleton on June 9, 1984. Carmen is the eldest daughter of Wes and Marilyn Carleton of Bon Accord. Brian and Carmen remodelled Clive and Lillian's house and now reside there. They have two daughters: Chelsea, born on April 27, 1985, and Gina, born on June 24, 1987. Chelsea is currently attending Namao Nursery School. Brian is currently driving truck.

Don's father, Clive, passed away on July 6, 1977, at the age of 78 years. Grandma Potter remained on the family farm until 1983. She now resides in Gibbons in Pinecrest Gardens Seniors Complex.

POTTER, Lee and Ada

written by daughter Barbara Crozier

The younger son of Charles and Zoe Potter, Lee was born at St. Albert, August 23, 1903, a year after his parents immigrated to Alberta from Jeffers, Minnesota. When he was a baby, there came word of a impending Indian uprising which sent the family into St. Albert for safety, a false alarm as it happened, but a sign of the uneasiness there was before Alberta became a province in 1905.

The third of five children, Lee was the brother of Clive, Cleo, Zelda and Zoe, living for a few years in the MacAuley district in Edmonton, where the house still stands, before moving to the farm at Sunnyside, his home for the remainder of his life. He went to the one-room school at Sunnyside, and to high school at Alberta College. Too young to join the army in the second world war, he ran away from home one night to do just that, but somehow fell into the hands of the police, who kept him overnight in jail until his father came and took him home, the closest brush with the law I believe Dad ever had.

There was that spark in him that wasn't apparent on first glance. He had a quiet wit that saw the humorous side of life, endearing him to those who knew him well. A retiring sort, he wasn't comfortable in a social setting, always preferring home; he did like the company of his family and his old friends, many of whom had been his hired men years before and his life-long neighbors.

Dad couldn't resist the rhythm of music, drumming away with his hands or a pair of forks on the table, or stepdancing with real flare about the room, a paradox given his shyness, but a practice he was compelled to continue into old age, more often when he thought he was unseen. When he was younger, he taught himself to play the banjo with Mother's help, and a little group of neighbors, Mother playing the piano, Johnnie Armstrong or Bob Storie and violin and Wilf Oliver the drums. They would hold orchestra practice at home in the evenings for the dances at Sunnyside Hall.

A farmer for life, he never wished he was anything else, seeming to enjoy even the hard times and the long hours. Often at day's end, when it was past the time he could reasonably have been expected to be home, Mother would become alarmed, drive out to the field to see if he was alright, and he was always surprised at her consternation. Time had no meaning when he was working.

He would be considered a successful farmer by the accepted standards, providing a good living for his family, but it was in growing things and the challenge, the practice of farming that really interested him. He moved with the times and new methods into a larger operation with his son, Reg, with more land and stock and new machinery, and while Reg had a talent for dealing with machines and motors, Dad was sometimes frustrated with the complexity of them, looking back fondly as did many farmers of his generation, I suppose, to

the days of farming with horses, a simpler time. He was heard to say once that he would like to begin again somewhere, with only an axe and a pump to his name.

An animal, if it gave any thought to the matter, would know its good fortune to be one of Lee's, for Dad's animals were given special care that could only be administered by a man who really loved them. A large measure of joy was gone from his life when the days of driving horses and raising cattle were behind him.

With his love for the outdoors, he liked nothing so much as to go with Mother, often when the rest of the family had gone home on a Sunday evening, to his favorite place, the "mission" as we know it, a quarter of land with the Sturgeon river meandering through where the old mill had been, a mission of the Oblate Fathers, and now a historic property, largely untouched. Dad and Mother would walk or sit, enjoying the serenity of the natural setting. In the last decade of his life, when he was burdened with Parkinson's Disease, it was to the mission that he went for renewal.

In 1969, after selling the farm with the big house on the corner, Dad, Mother and Reg moved to a new, smaller home where their farming career had begun, a half mile east on the original Potter farm. Aside from reading, "hobby" was a word foreign to Dad. His work had been his hobby and when no longer able to farm or even help with



Lee and Ada Potter.

farming, he could only keep a watchful eye on Reg. Dad's life on the farm ended with Mother's death in 1983, his health preventing him from continuing at home. After a year with his two daughters, he entered Dickinsfield Extended Care Home, where he died May 27, 1985.

His children used to speculate about his name, Lee, no middle name, no initial, just Lee. Perhaps, we thought, with nine names herself, his mother spared him the bother. Just Lee was how he viewed himself, quiet and unpretentious, caring little for prestige or material things. Essentially, he was a decent, gentle, truly honest man. He related to helpless beings, little children, animals or anyone in need. Without exception, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren in turn, found themselves endlessly carried in his arms. He shunned fanfare, living a life of charity, many of his acts of kindness and generosity unknown, some of them coming to light since his death. His word was his bond; he would not cheat another person, it wasn't something ever preached, but for us, it was demonstrated throughout his life. He was more than just Lee to us, he was a man we are proud to say was our father.

Born January 30, 1905, Loretta Ada Potter was the daughter, the third of four children of Samuel and Loretta Carson of Namao, sister of Vera, Vernon and Allen. Raised in a Methodist family, there were strict rules about not dancing or playing cards, about going to church twice on Sunday and talking only about church things, doing only essential work such as cooking, on the Sabbath. Their social life centred around the church, of course: the choir, the services and church picnics. Vera and Ada both played for church, Mother starting at age twelve.

It was a loss that affected all their lives when their mother died at age forty-one in 1917, leaving her husband and daughter, Vera, age sixteen, to care for Vernon, Ada and Allen. It seems rather surprising that a family so filled with humor should emerge from what appears to have been a rigid back-ground. Mother was allowed to participate in sports though, to skate and to belong to the girls' hardball team. The girls played basketball with the boys on a cinder court at Namao School, so that when Mother entered Victoria High School with the other girls from Namao, she was easily able to make Mr. Hicks' basketball team, defeating even the boys. One of the things about Mother that impressed us children, as we were growing up, was the way she could peg a baseball from the field to home plate. She was only



The Lee Potter Family, June, 1976. Roger, Reg, Barbara, Evelyn, Ada and Lee.

five foot two and really old, we thought, perhaps as old as thirty-four.

Mother's life with Dad on the farm differed little from that of her neighbors during the Depression years. Without her mother, she had little training in housekeeping and said that she learned much from Grandma Potter and Aunt Mary Carson: soap-making, canning and preserving. There was a scarcity of money, low grain prices, children to clothe and feed. Before the house was equipped for running water, during the war years, she carried pails of water from the well for washing clothes and cooking, a chore that sometimes made her stagger.

The family always included a hired girl as well as a hired man or two, and four children. Everything we ate came from Mother's big garden, and the animals raised on the farm. A rare treat was store-bought bread, unlike today's fare, and Mother was famous for her doughnuts that she could whip up with little notice. Dad and Lloyd Sills, who worked there, could smell those doughnuts no matter how far away from the house they were, showing up without fail for a cup of coffee and fresh doughnuts.

In the fall there was a threshing crew of twenty or so men to feed. Twice a day, noon and afternoon, Mother and her hired girl would pack hot meals and lunches into the car, drive down to the river where the men would unhitch their teams, and ride a horse across to eat. Then the women would return to the house to prepare their evening meal served in the kitchen, starting over again the next day with breakfast for everybody. If the weather held, the crew could be finished threshing in about a week, and go on to the next farm; if it rained, the farm wife cooked for the crew until the weather cleared and the job was done. Those were grand times for children; I'm not sure the women thought so.

Mother was active in the communities of New Lunnon, Sunnyside and Namao in many ways. Early in her marriage, she produced a play with the local Sunnyside players; she drove youngsters to track meets, picnics, ball games; she belonged to the Ladies Aid and she represented the FUA for a time; she curled with her friends in a women's league. She played for church, and often was the mother who played for school concerts and music festivals, encouraging, training and accompanying the young singers. She instilled a love for music in her own family, teaching them unaccompanied part-singing, arranging for them to have piano lessons, something she never had herself.

"Born to teach", we say of our mother. She had many interests but education was at the top of her list and she was energized by teaching. She graduated from the Edmonton Normal School, taught four years at Notre Dame before her marriage, and through the years that followed, she substituted in many different schools, among them Namao, Bon Accord, Greisbach and Lancaster Park, excited with the challenge of a new class. If she wasn't teaching in a school, she was helping someone at home, one of her own children with a math problem perhaps; she tutored other youngsters too, and even in later years, she studied and helped her grandson, Terry, with his university course in Chaucerian English.

Mother liked nothing better than a political discussion any time. The memory lingers of her and Stu Irwin, both on their feet in the kitchen, hotly defending their divergent opinions of the government. He always left chuckling, Mother frustrated. One never converted the other's thinking, and those "discussions" continued for years.

She made a lasting impression on her grandsons with her knowledge of sports, teams, players and standings. When they were playing hockey and she was hospitalized, she would have the nurses bring her the score as the games were in progress; she always knew where their teams stood and how they themselves were doing.

She had an appetite for knowledge of any kind, and informed she was about many things. Burton, her son-in-law, has said in tribute he never came away from her home that he wasn't overfed, and hadn't learned something new.

Committed to the welfare of others and especially her family, Mother was interested in everybody she met, with an amazing ability to remember facts, past conversations and family connections. As a result, everyone she met became a friend that she would either keep in touch with

or keep track of, from then on. She wrote letters, carrying on a correspondence with friends and relatives, some in the States whom she had never met in person. She was never too busy to serve a meal to a salesman or afternoon tea to a visitor, and it was anyone's guess how many there would be at the dining room table for Sunday dinner.

Her arthritis intensified when Ada was in her sixties, resulting in an unsuccessful hip replacement, followed by years of surgery, other illnesses and hospitalization for months at a time. It reflects Mother's fortitude that she would not give up, fighting back each time so that she could go home to care for Dad and Reg. Somehow she maintained her sense of humor, seldom letting her visitors know the pain she had. Instead, she began to paint in oils, giving reign to a creative streak she never knew she had. Although she was modest about her work, it was an immensely gratifying pastime for her, and there weren't enough hours in the day to keep up with the demand for her paintings. She never charged a cent for one of them.

Refusing to believe that she wouldn't improve in health and be able to care for Dad, carry on she did at home until her death on August 25, 1983.

Her intellect and stimulating personality, her caring, are missing with her family, but she is remembered for what she was. It does not come as a surprise when someone says, "Your mother always treated me as though I were special".

Lee and Ada raised a family of four children. Reginald Lee, the eldest, received his education at New Lunnon and Bon Accord High School, returning to the farm to join his father. He lives alone at home, continuing to farm the original Potter place.

Barbara Joan is married to Hugh Crozier of Namao.

Roger Allen married Marilyn Bell, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bell, one of Namao's earliest pioneer families. After operating a water transport business in the Namao area, Roger and Marilyn moved their business and home into the Winterburn area, and finally to an acreage home north of Stony Plain, Alberta. Their daughter, Sandra Lee, and her husband, Craig Litzenberger, a farmer near Stony Plain, are the parents of two daughters, Stacey Anne and Lindsay Lee. Roger and Marilyn's son Daryl Roger, has his own service supply business. He and his wife, Sandra, live in Spruce Grove with a son, Korey Allen.

Roger died accidentally in 1988 at the age of fifty-five years.

Loretta Evelyn, youngest child of Lee and Ada Potter, a musician, has taught piano, before and after her marriage to John Burton Bootsman. Retired from their pipeline inspection business, Evelyn and Burton reside in Victoria, B.C., where they have launched a pressed log business. Their eldest son, Terry Burton, a chartered accountant, is in business with his parents, living in Victoria, too, with his wife, Yvonne, their son, Ryan Burton, and daughter, Kody Lee. Laurie Barbara, second of Evelyn and Burton's children, is a doctor married to Bill Adamson of White Rock, B.C., both presently in Ryadh, Saudi Arabia where Laurie is fulfilling a contract with a hospital there. Catherine Gail, third child of the Bootsman, who graduated from the University of Victoria with a degree in Education, and David Michael, who has a degree in Fine Arts also from the University of Victoria, both teach English in Osaka, Japan.

REED, Keith and Janet

Janet Clapp married Keith Reed on July 6, 1963. They have two sons, Lyle Keith, born October 16, 1968, and Brian Harold, born October 5, 1973. They live in "Grandma Craig's" house on the Will Craig homestead, the home to which they added an extension in 1978.

Keith is an active member of the Namao Volunteer Fire Department and the Namao Community Agricultural Society. Over the years he has enjoyed farming with his Uncle Jack Martin, Hugh Craig, Ron Nelsen and Hugh Crozier and sons. He obtained his welding ticket in 1977.

Janet graduated from the Edmonton General Hospital in 1962 as medical record librarian, and worked for six years at the Royal Alexandra Hospital. She returned to the work force in March 1986, working as a medical receptionist for a family physician in Edmonton. She is actively involved in Good Shepherd Community Fellowship, a non-denominational church in Bon Accord.

Lyle graduated from Instrumentation Technology (NAIT) in 1988 and is currently working for Syncrude in Fort McMurray. He is an avid skydiver.

Brian is in Grade 11 at Sturgeon Composite High School with a keen interest in the medical field — nursing or paramedics.

ROCKWELL, John and Frank

John Rockwell retired from the Northwest

Mounted Police in 1913 to some land near Cardiff, Alberta. One son, Frank Rockwell, married Marjorie Williams in 1923 and they had 12 children. Six were born there: Francis, Peggy, Ted, Melvin, Lloyd and Vernon. Fay was born at Gordon and Mabel Clark's farm, and the remaining five were born in hospital in Edmonton: Douglas, Ruby, Jackie, Terence (Butch), and Donna.

Marjorie's father, Fred Williams, lived in Cardiff, and is now buried at the Namao Cemetery.

Frank worked at the Parker and Saunders Coal Mines in Cardiff from prior to his marriage to approximately 1951, when he moved his family to Star Key Mine. The children still at home were: Vernon, Douglas, Ruby, Jackie, Butch and Donna.

While in Cardiff, Frank worked summers for Gordon and Bill Clark, doing farm work in addition to working in the mine.

The older children, who grew up in Cardiff, periodically helped on the farm as well. Fay left home when she was 14 years old and moved to Jim and Marion Bentley's farm, (located where the Namao air base now is), where she worked until she was 18.

The first nine children attended Cardiff School until it closed. Then they all attended school in Morinville. When the family moved to Star Key Mine, the children attended St. Albert School as it was a Catholic School Division and Namao was not. Two school buses stopped at the same location, one for Namao School and one for St. Albert.

Frank and Marjorie moved from the Star Key Mine area to Edmonton in 1964. Frank passed away on September 12, 1966, and Marjorie passed away on November 25, 1967.

ROFFEY, Edward and Linda

Ed Roffey is the grandson of Alex and Elizabeth Roffey, who originally farmed one-half mile east of Sunnyside hall, where Dave and Margaret Mitchell now live.

Ed and Linda Roffey moved to Sunnyside, in the Namao area, in the summer of 1985, with their two sons, Jason and Cory. Ed and Linda purchased John Jeffery's acreage, which is one mile west of Sunnyside Hall. Ed married Linda, daughter of Emil and Olga Andrusiw of Waugh, in September 1976. They purchased a home in Chastledowns, Edmonton, and subsequently started a family, and a construction business, Roffey Construction Ltd. Jason, 12, was born Thanks-



The Old John Jeffery House, 1988. The New Roffey House Basement.

giving Day, October 10, 1977, and Cory 11, on December 19, 1978. In July 1985, they moved to Sunnyside, where they built a new house in 1988. Upon construction of the new house, the old Jeffrey house was taken down; during its demolition, past family and community memories were rekindled and shared with us.

Ed was born in Westlock, the son of Melvin and Teresa Roffey. Ed has two brothers: Archie, Calgary, and Jim, Thorhild; one brother, Alex (deceased 1963); and three sisters: Laura Roffey, Edmonton; Martha Kingsland, Saskatchewan; and Eunice Alexander, Thorhild. Linda, born in Westlock, has one brother, Dennis Andrusiw, Waugh; three sisters, Patricia Chmil, Shirley Andrusiw, Connie Andrusiw, all of Edmonton; and one brother Norman, (deceased 1964); two sisters, Betty and Cindy, (deceased 1959 and 1985). Linda previously worked for the Edmonton Separate School Board, and is currently attending the University of Alberta's Education Faculty.

Update on the family of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Roffey
The farm, one-half mile east of Sunnyside hall, was sold in 1925. The original house still stands.

Stewart and Ruth Roffey still reside in Edmonton, and are supposed to be retired, but one finds this hard to believe; travelling, gardening, Stewart involved with draft horses, and Ruth continuously crocheting and quilting. Stewart and Ruth will be celebrating their 59th wedding anniversary this year. Daughter Helen, (deceased 1987), had five boys: Richard and Stewart, Edmonton; Rodney and Robert, Manitoba; and Barry, Tofield. Son Bill, (deceased 1972), had two children; Darcy, Edmonton, and Brenda Lee, Hinton. They have eight great-grandchildren.

Lawrence Roffey worked for the late Lawrence Rye where Weiller and Williams now exists, and

later retired in the Pembina Lodge in Westlock until his passing on April 25, 1978. Daughter, Erma Glebe, Westlock, has three daughters and one son: Margaret, Brenda, Mary Ellen and Neil. Son Ron, Two Hills, has four sons: Dean, Keith, Philip and Marvin. Daughter, Geneva Van Hal, Nelson, B.C., has three daughters and two sons: Genevieve, Mary Jane, Shirley Anne, John Lawrence and Leo. There are seventeen great-grandchildren.

Iva Labuc resides in Calgary, and enjoys travelling, knitting, crocheting and sewing. Husband Peter passed away in 1971. Daughter Nora, Calgary, has two daughters, Karen and Eileen, and one son, Mark, (deceased). Daughter Stella, Victoria has two daughters and two sons: Florence, Tammy, Robert and Glenn. Son Don, Calgary has two daughters, Patty and Tracy. Son Glenn, (deceased), had one son and two daughters: Glenn, Maureen and Charlotte. There are eleven great-grandchildren.

Milton Roffey passed away in 1988. His wife, Ruth Roffey, lives at Claresholm. Daughter Vivian lives in California, and daughter Charlotte lives in Calgary. There are five great-grandchildren.

Billy and Bessie Roffey sold their farm and bought a house in Kinuso, where they are supposed to be retired. Billy, in his nineties, still helps with their son Don's farm. Bessie, also in her nineties, gardens and looks after their home. They will be celebrating their 67th wedding anniversary this year. Don has one son, Robert, and three daughters: Karen, Lynn and Donna. There is one great-grandchild.

Melvin and Teresa Roffey lived where what now is known as Hermitage, and Melvin worked



Billy and Bessie Roffey's 65th Anniversary, November, 1988. Back Row, L-R: Billy and Stewart Roffey, Walter Maxfield. Front Row, L-R: Ruth Roffey (Stewart's Wife), Bessie Roffey (Bill's Wife), Iva Labuc (Roffey).



Ed and Linda Roffey, Jason and Cory

for Weiller and Williams. Melvin passed away of a heart attack in 1972 at home. Teresa passed away in 1975 from lung disease. Daughter Laura, Edmonton, has three sons: David, Douglas and Ken; daughter Martha, Saskatchewan, has three daughters: Marvel, Donna and Crystal; and daughter Eunice, Thorhild, has two daughters and three sons: Lesley, Pamela, Jeremy and twins, Ian and Angus. Son Alex was deceased in 1963; son Archie, lives in Calgary; son Jim in Thorhild, has one daughter and one son, Vicky and Dennis.

Son Ed of Sunnyside has two sons, Jason and Cory.

ROMANOWSKI, Steve and Catherine 1945

Since the publishing of the Cameo of the West in 1968, the Romanowski family has continued to grow and prosper. Mr. Steve Romanowski, now eighty years old, lives in Edmonton but is still actively engaged in farming in the Excelsior district. During the spring and summer you will find Steve busy in the fields, or sometimes just contently watching his crop grow. His wife, Catherine, still loves her flowers, and each spring plants her garden. But, when winter comes, Steve and Catherine head off to the sunny beaches of Hawaii.

Alice, their oldest daughter, graduated in Pharmacy from the University of Alberta in 1959. In



L-R: Wilfred Romanowski, Dr. Joyce Romanowski, Catherine Romanowski, Alice Onyshko (Romanowski).

1961, she married Dr. Steve Onyshko of Glendon, and now lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Steve is the head of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computing Science at the University of Manitoba. Alice and Steve have three sons. Tom graduated in Law in 1988 and is now taking a post-graduate course in Journalism at Carleton University in Ottawa. Dan is in Medicine, while Mike is in Electrical Engineering, both at the University of Manitoba.

Their son, Wilfred, has continued the farming tradition of the Romanowski family and is farming in the Bon Accord district. In 1964, Wilfred married Miss Margaret Stamper of Dunstable. They have two children. Their daughter, Evelyn, is attending the University of British Columbia in the Faculty of Dentistry, while their son, Darren, is taking Science at the University of Alberta.

Joyce, the youngest child, graduated from Pharmacy at the University of Alberta in 1970, and then continued in Medicine, graduating in 1974. In 1976, she married Dr. Phillip Sych of Calmar, and lives in Sherwood Park. They have two children: Catherine, age 11; and Mark, age 7. Joyce and Phillip share a medical practice in Sherwood Park.

ROWSWELL, Hayward and Blanche (nee Hutchings)

Giles 'Hayward' Rowswell - Born Sept. 5, 1872, in Forfar, Leeds County, Ontario; fourth child of Elisha Rowswell and Sarah Ann Poole.

Blanche Estelle (Hutchings) Rowswell - Born June 19, 1880, at Hay Lakes, N.W.T. (now Alberta); first of nine children of Thomas and Sarah Jone (Stanton) Hutchings.



Hayward and Blanche Rowswell, 50th Wedding Anniversary. Back Row, L-R: John, Herb, Jim, Gordon, Dick and Wilbert. Front Row, L-R: Dorothy, Olive, Hayward, Blanche and Emily. Missing: Alice in Florida, Mildred in Vancouver, Margaret (Peggy) in Connecticut.

When Hayward's father, Elisha, left Ontario for Edmonton, Hayward remained with his mother, brother and sisters. Sarah Ann joined Elisha in Edmonton in 1886. In 1889, when he was 17, Hayward travelled from Ontario via Calgary to Edmonton, completing the first part of his journey by train and the last part by stage coach. In Edmonton, he joined his father and claimed the homestead quarter that his father had preempted for him.

It is said that Blanche was the second white child to be born in the Hay Lakes district. Her father, with his brother, Alfred, conducted a trading post with the Indians at Bittern Lake, then in April of 1881 moved to what became known as the Poplar Lake district, north of Edmonton. Among her childhood memories, Blanche recalled being taken to the safety of the Catholic Mission in St. Albert during the Riel Rebellion of 1885.

Hayward and Blanche were married on December 17, 1902, by Dr. D. G. McQueen. Hayward, now 32 years of age, had not been idle since arriving from Ontario. Among his various activities he worked part time for Pat Burns in the Calgary district and other parts of southern Alberta, driving cattle to be used as beef for the railway work gangs. Among his prized possessions were a gold watch and a saddle presented to him by Pat Burns. He also freighted supplies from Edmonton to Athabasca Landing and Slave Lake with teams of horses.

Blanche had artistic leanings, as illustrated in a scenic oil painting of the Saskatchewan River,

still in possession of a family member. Her talents did not stop there; she mastered the skills of soap making, quilting, darning and patching, baking, gardening, and was tenacious in her conviction "Waste not, Want not." They settled on a farm in Poplar Lake where, through the years, they raised twelve children, six sons and six daughters. Hayward was a founding member of the Edmonton Exhibition Association, while Blanche, when not attending to children, was an active member in the Women's Institute.

Hayward died April 12, 1955. Blanche died April 22, 1979.

Hayward and Blanche's Family

1. The eldest son, Thomas "Wilbert", born Dec. 8, 1903, married a local school teacher, Jean Kennedy, on July 25, 1935. They had four children: Elizabeth Jean (Betty McAfee); Dorothy Ann, who married Duncan Clifton; son Alan Lee; and Margaret Helen, who died at age 3. The Cliftons have two children, Craig and Carol. Wilbert died July 3, 1968.

2. The eldest daughter, Alice Louisa (Rowswell) Shroeder, born Sept. 13, 1905, left home at the age of fourteen to attend school in Edmonton. She trained as a nurse at the Misericordia Hospital and later did graduate work at the New York Polyclinic Medical School. She specialized in cardiovascular nursing, working for the most part in Cleveland and Florida. Alice moved back to Edmonton in 1979. In 1980, on the occasion of the province's 75th anniversary, she received a commemorative medal, as she was born in 1905. Since returning to Edmonton, she has been busy with restoration of the Little Mountain Cemetery, now part of a larger Edmonton Municipal Cemetery.

3. Herbert Frederick farmed for some time with his father, and later owned and operated two service stations on the Fort Road. He married Lena Rimstad. They had two daughters, Barbara and Karen. Barbara is a vice-principal at Ochre Park School in Redwater. She is married to David Sykes, a businessman in Edmonton. Karen married Bruce McLellan and they live in Edmonton with their two sons, Colin and Andrew, who keep Karen busy at home. Lena lives in Edmonton and enjoys her grandsons. Herbert passed away Oct. 13, 1984.

4. Giles "Gordon" married Gwen Standley. Gordon farmed with his dad for a while and bached for seven years before moving into Edmonton and starting Rowswell Feeds in 1937. When the feed mill was destroyed by fire in 1954, it was



Top, L-R Mildred, Emily, Wilbert, Alyce, Gordon, Herb, Dick, Dorothy, Margaret, Blanche, Olive, Hayward, John, Jim

replaced. He operated the business until he retired in 1966. Gordon and Gwen lived for a number of years in the Highlands district and raised children Ron and Marilyn. Their son, Ron, works as a librarian in Edmonton and still lives in the family home. Gordon and Gwen have moved into a condominium. Marilyn is married to Dave McKay, who works for the city of Edmonton. They have two sons, Michael and Jeffery, and a daughter-in-law, Barbara. For many years Gordon and Gwen travelled to Arizona for the winter, where they enjoyed the warmer weather as well as golf and bridge.

5. Mildred Blanche Rowswell, born Jan. 30, 1911, married Keith Putnam Payzant on June 29, 1929, whose parents were also from the Namao area. They had two children, Norma Mildred, born Oct. 2, 1930, and Keith Wilbert, born Nov. 21, 1931. Mildred has worked and lived in or near Vancouver for many years, and is still very active.

Norma married John Mawhinney on Aug. 6, 1951. They live in Richmond, B.C. where they raised their children, Lynda, born June 28, 1954;

and Craig, born Dec. 15, 1955. Lynda married Alan Ecclestone on Dec. 17, 1977. Their children are Mathew, born July 2, 1982; Eric, born May 10, 1984; and Ian, born October 20, 1987. Craig married Lisa Larsen on Aug. 29, 1981. They have a son, Steven, born July 12, 1984.

Keith married Judy Atkinson in 1958. Their children are, Arthur John, born Jan. 23, 1960; and Donald Giles, born May 15, 1961. Keith and Judy were divorced in July of 1968. Keith married Glenda McInnis on Dec. 3, 1969. They and their son, Ross Madison Payzant, born Dec. 24, 1974, live in Victoria.

6. Emily Jone Rowswell, born Dec. 11, 1912, married Malcolm Plain on July 16, 1938. They met in northern Alberta, settled first in Busby, and later moved to Pibroch, then to a farm near Pibroch. They have three sons: Richard, Herbert and Donald.

Richard, a former mayor of St. Albert, is married to Margaret (Sanders), and is a Professor of Economics at the University of Alberta. Richard and Margaret have three sons: Richard, Thomas



Family Photo, 1980. L-R: Judith, Donald, Garth, Ian, Rick, Winnie, Lynda, Dick, and Irene.

and Robert. Richard Jr. married Marcelle Nihei.

Herbert married Louise Rypien from Calling Lake, near Athabasca. Herb and Louise farmed for a while at Pibroch and now live in Stony Plain, where Herb works as a field man for the county of Parkland. They have two children, Kathy and Kevin. Kathy is married to Patrick Mahoney and they live in Morinville, where Kathy and Pat teach school. They have two sons, Sean and Donovan. Kevin is married to Marianne (Labelle). They live in Evansburg where Kevin works for the Provincial Government. They have one daughter, Melissa.

Donald is married to Maria (Wemhof) of Edmonton. They farm near Pibroch. In addition to running their farm, Maria works in Edmonton, and Donald operates a hog testing station at Nisku. They have two children, James and Jennifer.

7. Dorothy Alberta (Dot) (Rowswell) Spooner, born Dec. 1, 1914, was in the Royal Canadian Air Force for a number of years, first as a cook, and later with the military police. In 1955 she married Bev Spooner and lived in Edmonton for a while. They later moved to Mulhurst at Pigeon Lake, where they built a home with a small store attached to it. Bev likes hunting and fishing, and Dot travels with him on some of his trips. They have three children, Robert, Delman and Phylis, and six grandchildren.

8. Richard Kitchner Rowswell, born Oct. 8, 1916, married Winnifred (Winnie) Dale in Gibbons, on June 5, 1942. They purchased the Dale farm and lived there for three years, then bought the Jack Tucker farm after selling the first one to Edward Knott. They raised seven children: Lynda

Jane, born Dec. 5, 1943; Richard Dale, born Aug. 18, 1946; Judith Louise, born April 16, 1948; Irene Stella, born Jan. 16, 1951; Donald James, born Feb. 17, 1953; Garth Herbert, born March 23, 1956; Ian William, born Nov. 8, 1960.

Lynda Jane Rowswell married Donald Bland (born July 12, 1943) on July 8, 1967. They have four children: William John, Nancy Louise, Thomas Richard and Rachel Dawn. Donald and Lynda Bland and family, live on a dairy farm near Bon Accord. Lynda is the Bon Accord Community School co-ordinator.

Richard Dale Rowswell married Stella Zwarych (born Aug. 20, 1943) on June 20, 1970. Rick is a realtor and Stella operates her own business in Fort Saskatchewan. They have two children, Michelle Louise and Bobbi Lynn.

Judith Louise Rowswell married Jerry Woytack (born Aug. 6, 1946) on Nov. 9, 1968. Jerry works for the Provincial Government, and Judy is a financial advisor. They and their daughters, Christine Kelly and Jacqueline, live in Victoria.

Irene Stella Rowswell married Andrew Serink (born Nov. 25, 1950) on Nov. 27, 1971. Andy and Irene farm near Gibbons. In addition to farming, Andy works as a welder and Irene works for Shurgain. Their children are: Jillian Dale and Ian Michael, (twins) born Sept. 10, (before midnight) and Sept. 11, (after midnight); and Amy Lynn.

Donald James Rowswell married Jean Zuchek (born July 9, 1951) on Sept. 8, 1972. Donald operates Rowswell's Welding, while Jean recently started a business called Rowswell Tours. They have three sons: Donald Lee, Kenneth James, and Richard Lawrence.

Garth Herbert Rowswell married Luanne Lamoureux (born July 12, 1956) on July 28, 1979. Garth and Luanne live in Vermilion, where Garth operates his own agricultural products business. Their children are Kristen Corrie and Lisa Dian.

Ian William Rowswell has travelled to numerous places around the world to work on oil rigs. He has also been a trainer for some of his parents' race horses.

9. Olive Pearl Rowswell, born Oct. 28, 1918, married Fred Reed (born June 30, 1900) in 1946. Fred was formerly from Barrhead, but had done farm work in the Namao area. They lived in various places in Alberta and British Columbia. They had two children, Caroline and James.

Caroline married Theo VanLeeuwen, (born May 21, 1940), on May 8, 1965. They lived in the Fraser Valley for a number of years and then in Vanderhoof, B.C. Caroline and Theo raised seven

children: two adopted boys, James Peters, born Feb. 9, 1963; and Sam Peters, born May 19, 1964. James died in April 1978. Their natural children are; Steven Anthony, born Oct. 21, 1968; Colin Edward, born Feb. 21, 1974; Sara Adrian, born Jan. 22, 1976; Alayna, born Feb. 6, 1982; and Alexandria, born Dec. 21, 1983. Theo passed away Mar. 29, 1988.

James (Jim) and Darlene (born May 3, 1948), were married on April 13, 1974. Their children are: Christopher James, born Feb. 3, 1976; Michael Philip, born April 29, 1978; and Jacqueline Renee, born May 20, 1981.

Olive Reed passed away Oct. 29, 1974. Fred Reed passed away in 1977.

10. John Arthur was born Aug. 19, 1920. While in the Air Force, John married Eileen Akins of St. Albert in 1944. They raised five children: Bob, Larry, Bruce, Doug and Lois. After John retired from the Air Force, he worked for some time at Alberta Hospital, and Eileen worked for a number of years at the Sherrit Gordon plant in Fort Saskatchewan. Their oldest son, Bob, married Hilda Lembry. They live at Cobble Hill on Vancouver Island, and have three children: Ben, Lisa and Michelle. Bob works in forestry. Larry married Mary Lembry. They and their two children, Scotty and Tammy, also live on Vancouver Island. Larry is a welder, and Mary operates a child care business from their home. Bruce married Linda Smith. They and their three children, Kelly, Kristy and Keri, live in Edberg, Alberta. Bruce is a school teacher. Linda works at Glenhaven in Camrose. Doug died in 1971. Lois and her husband, Glen Tod, live in Beaumont. Lois is a dietary technician. Glen manages an oil field business. After their divorce, John and Eileen each remarried. John now lives in Surrey with his wife, Marion. Eileen and her husband, Matt Fleck, live near Vimy.

11. Margaret Stella (Peggy), born June 1, 1922, went to Cleveland to live near her sister, Alice. There she married Edward (Bud) Griffen in May 1949. Margaret worked for a while at the British Consulate. Bud is an engineer. They have a son named Philip. Margaret now makes her home in Ottawa. She has one granddaughter.

12. James Hayward, born Oct. 25, 1923, is the youngest of the twelve children. He married Dorothy Briggs at Highlands United Church on July 26, 1950. Jim worked for a number of years as a high pressure welder for Northwestern Utilities in Edmonton. Jim, Dorothy, and their family have had a cottage at Mulhurst for years and they now

make their home there. Their children are: Patricia Lynn, born Jan. 28, 1952; David James, born Jan. 2, 1954; Laurie Jean, born Sept. 26, 1955; Brian Myles, born June 10, 1959; and Catherine Rodina, born July 1, 1961.

Patricia Lynn Rowswell married Rudi Thoeni and they live in Jasper with their sons, Reinhard Joseph, born Aug. 22, 1984; and Andreus James, born Aug. 23, 1987.

David James Rowswell and his wife, Shelagh, have two sons, Kyle James, born Feb. 24, 1984; and Tanner James, born Mar. 22, 1989. Laurie Jean Rowswell has three sons: Ryan James Bourke, born May 4, 1977; Lydon Evan Arnel, born Aug. 29, 1985; and Spencer Travis Arnel, born Nov. 29, 1986.

Brian Myles Rowswell died of a sudden heart attack on Sept. 22, 1989.

Catherine Rodina Rowswell was born July 1, 1961. She has two sons, Jordan Alexander Lumsden, born Feb. 21, 1985; and Justin Lee Lumsden, born July 25, 1987.

RYE, Lawrence

Lawrence McIntyre Rye was born December 27, 1884, near the town of Sunridge, Ontario. He was the son of Joseph Rye III (born July 23, 1852 at Clinton, Ontario, and died October 4, 1938, at Edmonton, Alberta) and Rebecca Lawrence (born 1862 in Tipperary County, Ireland, and died September 12, 1928, at Edmonton, Alberta). He came west with his parents, brother Lindsay Levi Elwood and sister Cora Pearl. They were part of the Parry Sound Colony arriving in Edmonton on April 14, 1892.

As a small boy, with his father, he hauled passengers, freight and whiskey for the Hudson's Bay Company to Athabasca Landing and other points north. He was noted for his interest in Clydesdale draft horses. His first exhibition was in 1893 at the age of nine when he showed the family short-horn cow, Butterfly Daisy. He bred and exhibited Clydesdales at all the local fairs and the Royal Winter Fair, Toronto, for well over 80 years. His involvement with the Edmonton Exhibition (Edmonton Northlands) spanned an incredible 86 years, first as a competitor and finally as President and Honourary Life Member. Lawrence Rye was inducted to the Edmonton Northlands Hall of Fame on April 14, 1984. Lawrence also served on the Sturgeon School Division Board and was a councillor for the M.D. of Sturgeon for 12 years.

Lawrence Rye married Sarah Ferguson on De-



Lawrence and Sarah Rye's 50th Wedding Anniversary, December 6th, 1961. Lindsay Rye, Ken Rye, Elmer Rye, Alma Paul, Sarah Rye, Lawrence Rye, Pauline Carson.

December 6, 1911. Sarah was born July 24, 1884, in Meaford, Ontario. She was the neice of Mrs. Harry Long. When Sarah came west she brought dark room equipment to develop her own photographs. She enjoyed embroidery. Sarah made and embroidered her own silk wedding dress. It was modelled by her great granddaughter, Heather McMillan, at the 100th Anniversary of the Namao United Church. Her family agrees that Sarah's homemade bread could not be duplicated. A visit to the Rye house on a Sunday afternoon would often mean being treated to the best homemade ice cream in the countryside.

Lawrence died at the age of 97 on June 10, 1981. Sarah Rye died January 15, 1974. Lawrence



Lawrence and Sarah Rye and their family, 1959. Back Row, Standing: Vernon Carson, Lindsay Rye, Larry Paul, Pauline Carson, Margaret Rye, Gordon Rye, Linda Rye, Joe Rye, Elmer Rye, Helen Paul, Albert Paul, Alma Paul. Front Row, Seated: Doris Rye, Betty Rye, Deb Rye, Sarah Rye, Sarah Rye, Brenda Rye, Lawrence Rye, Cal Rye, Ken Rye, Jim Paul. Missing: Barry Rye (born 1961).

and Sarah Rye are both buried in the Namao Cemetery. They had five children: Lindsay Ferguson, born September 24, 1912; Pauline Elizabeth, born April 5, 1914; Alma Maxine, born April 11, 1916; Elmore Whitelaw, born March 6, 1921; and Kenneth Albert, born March 1, 1928.

I, Lindsay Ferguson, was born September 24, 1912, the oldest son of Lawrence and Sarah Rye.

Horses and the steam engine were prominent when I was a young man. I really was not fussy about horses so I was the fellow who looked after both feeding and milking the cows.

On June 17, 1944, I had the honour and pleasure to be married to Margaret McCrimmon, oldest daughter of Hector and Myrtle McCrimmon of the Notre Dame district. Margaret and I, during many tough breaks and good times, raised six children:

Gordon Lindsay, our oldest, now lives in Gibbons. He is quite a hockey man as well as an implement dealer in Fort Saskatchewan. Gordon married Faye Yanch, who works with the School Board in Gibbons. They have two children. Trevor Gordon, completed high school and is working for a year before carrying on with his education. Trevor takes after his dad and is a hockey player. Lannie Faye is still in high school but works evenings in the Mac's store.

Linda, our oldest daughter, lives in Edmonton and works for Statistics Canada. Linda is married to Lloyd Davison who works for the Department of Agriculture. They have three daughters. Margo Lee, the oldest, teaches dancing and works for Regal in Edmonton. Margo plans to get married in May 1990. Karen Ann and her younger sister, Krista Dawn, attended school at Concordia College. Both Karen and Krista have played and coached ringette.

Joe, our second son, loves Charolais cattle and has been a herdsman for twelve years. Joe is married to Sandra Pearson from Leduc. They now live at Grafton, Ontario. Their children, Lori Ann and Mark, like school there and the whole family likes living at Grafton.

Betty Ann, who lives in Edmonton, is an Assistant Manager of one of the Regal Shops. Betty Ann is married to Gery Russell who works with Shaw Pipelines. Their son, Duane, who plans to be a plumber, married Glenda McConnical and they live in Fort Saskatchewan.

Brenda Isobel, is our next daughter. Brenda is a hairdresser and is married to Arthur Boorse who works for the Municipal District of Sturgeon. Their daughter, Carla Christine, goes to Sturgeon

Composite High, dances with two dance groups and helps teach. Son Ian Arthur, goes to school in Gibbons and is a paper boy.

Sarah Myrtle, names after her two grandmothers, who is our baby, lives in Edmonton. Sarah is married to Conrad Russell who has a job with a car dealership. Sarah babysits and helps out at school. They have two daughters, Lindsay Sarah, aged eight and Heather Lynn, age five.

All our children went to school at Namao. Gordon and Linda both finished at Namao. The next three went to Victoria Composite High School, and Sarah went to LaZerte. Four of our children were married at Namao United Church. Joe was married in Leduc, and Sarah was married at home on our lawn.

Margaret and I have 12 grandchildren, eight girls and four boys. Just two of the boys carry the name of Rye.

Margaret and I have been very lucky wherever we have lived. We have had good neighbors. We sold our farm in 1980 and moved to Gibbons. We have been busy it seems throughout our lives, and continue to be so in 1990. We were busy at Sunnyside, with the United Church at Namao, Unifarm, and Sunnyside Hall. Since Margaret and I moved to Gibbons, we have continued to keep active with the Seniors and Unifarm, etc.

Pauline Elizabeth was born April 5, 1914. She went to school at Sunnyside and lived at home until her marriage to Vernon Charles Carson on December 12, 1951. Vernon was the son of Sam and Lauretta (Maxfield) Carson and was born November 4, 1902. Vernon and Pauline farmed the NE ¼ 33-54-24-W4, the homestead of his father. Vernon always worked with his father on the land, and he was also an avid reader. Vernon died on July 22, 1980, and is buried in the Namao Cemetery. Pauline still lives on the farm. She carries on her mother's interest in embroidery. Each of Pauline's neices and nephews and their children have received a piece of her embroidery work as a wedding gift. Like her mother, Pauline is also a fine breadmaker. Pauline and Vernon had no children.

Alma Maxine Rye was born April 11, 1916. She attended school at Sunnyside. On July 21, 1938, she married Charles Albert Paul, the eldest son of James and Hazel Paul. They lived on the Paul farm (N ½ and SE ¼ 3-55-24-W4), and when Jim and Hazel Paul moved to Edmonton in 1948, Albert and Alma took over the farm. They operated a successful mixed grain and dairy business. Both Albert and Alma were active in the church and 4-H clubs. They built a new home in 1963.

Together they enjoyed many guided fishing trips into the mountains, and a summer cottage at Seba Beach. Albert died of a heart attack on November 28, 1966. Alma still resides on the family farm. During the past 20 years she has enjoyed holidays to The Royal Winter Fair in Toronto, Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand, Alaska, the United States, the Maritimes, and cruises down the Rhine River, the Mediterranean and the Caribbean. Albert and Alma had three children: Albert Larry (Larry), born May 29, 1940; Helen Priscilla, born November 17, 1945; and James Allan, born March 21, 1953.

Albert Larry (Larry) was born May 29, 1940. He attended school at Namao and Alberta College and went to Vermilion School of Agriculture and Home Economics for two years, graduating in 1960. It was there that he met and later married Norma Lucille Beck on October 18, 1963, in the Namao United Church. Norma was born May 26, 1941, and is the fifth daughter of Irwin and Florence Beck of Czar, Alberta. Norma went to school in Czar and graduated from Vermilion School of Agriculture and Home Economics in 1960. Larry and Norma took over the managing of the farm after the death of his father in 1966. Their family still live in the house built in 1929 by Jim and Hazel Paul. Larry and Norma have been very active on the Namao United Church Board and with the Sunday School. Larry was Chairman of the Namao Community League for a number of years, and Norma, with the help of all family members, did the catering for four years. Larry has been part of the Namao Volunteer Fire Department since it began in 1982. He is also a member of Edmonton Northlands. Farming became secondary, when in June 1987, Larry and Jim bought Namao Transport, previously owned by Tom Crozier. Larry and Norma have three children who live at home: Cheryl Maxine, born October 13, 1964; Vernon Charles, born April 20, 1967; and Becki-Linn born April 3, 1974.

Cheryl Maxine, born October 13, 1964, enjoyed being the first grandchild and the first great-grandchild in both the Paul and Rye families. She attended Namao School and graduated from Sturgeon Composite High School in 1982. Cheryl was also active in Explorers, CGIT, 4-H Clubs and then drama. She worked for five years in child care, then with a career change in 1987, is presently working as a travel consultant.

Vernon Charles, born April 20, 1967, attended Namao School and graduated from Sturgeon Composite High School in 1985. While going to

school, Vernon was active in the RCAF Squadron 524 Cadets, a 4-H member and Junior Leader for four years, and a member of the Namao Volunteer Fire Department. He went to NAIT to take Building Construction Engineering Technology, graduating in 1988. He is presently employed by Eskimo Steel in Edmonton. Vernon and Lisa Helen Dalziel, born November 19, 1968, and the daughter of Ian and Mae Dalziel of Redwater, will be married on June 16, 1990. Lisa graduated from NAIT in 1988 in Medical Records Administration. She is presently employed at the University of Alberta Hospital in the Research Cardiovascular Area. Vernon and Lisa plan to live in the Namao area.

Becki-Linn, born April 3, 1974, attended Namao School and is presently attending Sturgeon Composite High School. Her goal is to become a music teacher so is working towards this by playing the French horn in the Sturgeon Composite Concert Band and completing her Grade 8 piano.

Helen Priscilla, born November 17, 1945, married Murray Wilson McMillan on June 18, 1965, in the Namao United Church. Murray was born December 16, 1944, the son of James and Barbara McMillan. Both Murray and Helen attended school at Namao. Murray left school and started an electrical apprenticeship with Canadian National Railways. Helen graduated from Namao School in 1963, then attended McTavish Business College and graduated in 1964. They resided in Winnipeg and Edmonton until 1973 when they built a home on a subdivision of the family farm. Murray has been employed by CN Rail for 29 years. He is now Alberta District Superintendent — Motive Power. Helen is employed as a secretary for the Alberta Liquor Control Board in St. Albert. Both Murray and Helen enjoy gardening, camping and fishing during the summer months. Murray plays hockey for the Rusty Blades, and Helen tries her hand at oil painting and petite point during the winters. They have two daughters: Heather Ellen, born March 22, 1970; and Heidi Elaine, born November 15, 1974.

Heather Ellen, born March 22, 1970, attended school at Namao and graduated from Sturgeon Composite High School in 1988 with honours. She was the recipient of an IOF Scholarship, Symphony Women's Scholarship and Universiade '83 Scholarship. While attending school she completed her Grade 8 piano and studied the bassoon. She was chosen to play the bassoon for the Provincial High School Honour Band for four years, and the Provincial University Honour Band for two years.

She had also played the bassoon for the Edmonton Youth Orchestra for four years. Heather completed one year of music studies at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, and is now in a Bachelor of Commerce program. She resides in Edmonton.

Heidi Elaine, born November 15, 1974, attended Namao School and is now a student at Sturgeon Composite High School. She will complete Grade 8 piano in 1990, and plays the oboe for the Sturgeon Composite Concert Band. She is a member of the Sturgeon Composite Drama Club and Amnesty International. Heidi lives at home and has not decided what her plans are after completing high school.

James Allan was born March 21, 1953, and attended school at Namao and Victoria and M.E. LaZerte Composite High Schools in Edmonton. After leaving school he drove a school bus for Briggs Brothers for a year. He worked for several years for Cessco and Dreeco. When work was scarce, with the downturn in the economy, he then turned to driving a water truck for Namao Transport. He stayed with the company until the owner, Tom Crozier, died in 1987. Together with his brother, Larry, they bought the business in 1987 and continue to operate Namao Transport (1987) Ltd. as a domestic and commercial water hauling service. Jim is an avid water skier and loves camping at Baptise Lake, Long Lake and Wizard Lake with friends from the community. He has enjoyed many vacations to the Okanagan Valley. Jim has played hockey with the Namao Nitehawks (Sailcats) for 12 years and the Rusty Blades for five years. His latest hobby is 4 wheelers — ATVs. Together with his girlfriend, Dianna Howell, they have spent many hours and travelled many miles on their ATV's around the Namao area.

Elmore Whitelaw was born March 6, 1921. He went to school at Sunnyside. Elmer farmed with his father at Sunnyside and Namao. He has the same interest in farming, and raising and showing Clydesdale horses, as his father. He is a member of Edmonton Northlands. Elmer never married and is presently living on the original farm of Dan McKinley. Each year since 1970, the Rye family gathered on Grandma or Grandpa Rye's birthdays. Since they have died, the Rye family continues this tradition by gathering for a pot luck supper on Elmer's birthday, March 6, at his house. These evenings have included four generations and as many as 40 people.

Kenneth Albert Rye was born on March 1, 1928. He has lived on the home quarter, SE ¼ 12-55-24-W4, from the time of his birth to the

present day. Ken attended school at Sunnyside for nine years, and worked on the home farm until taking it over in 1952, with the exception of a couple of summers, when he worked at Northlands. On July 4, 1953, he married Doris Shirley Reid. Doris was born on March 14, 1934, at Lamont, Alberta, where her mother was a 1927 graduate nurse of the Lamont Hospital. They moved to Edmonton when Doris was only a few months old and she went to school there. In 1951, she attended Vermilion School of Agriculture and graduated in a 2/1 Class in April 1952. Doris then worked at Beaver Lumber in Edmonton until her marriage to Ken in 1953. Doris returned to work in the fall of 1970. She was first employed by Western Packers, then went to CN Rail in 1972, where she is now Chief Rate Clerk in accounting. Ken and Doris now spend their spare time square dancing, round dancing and camping. Square dancing has led them to many ventures: national conventions in Winnipeg and Vancouver, and a trip to Australia and New Zealand. Ken and Doris have three children: Calvin Earl, born October 31, 1955; Deborah Jeanne, born April 3, 1957; and Barry Arnold, born April 29, 1961.

Calvin Earl was born October 31, 1955. While attending school at Namao he played Pee Wee to Midget hockey. Cal completed his high school at M.E. LaZerte and Queen Elizabeth High Schools in Edmonton. He attended the University of Alberta and obtained a Bachelor of Commerce in May 1979. During his high school and University of Alberta years, he was on the ski patrol at Lake Eden. On July 9, 1977, he married Laurie Mullan, and they were divorced in 1983. Upon graduation in 1979, he moved to Calgary and was

employed by AMOCO where today he is a supervisor in the accounting field. He became a CMA (Certified Management Accountant) in 1990. On June 25, 1988, he married Kris Amies in the United Church at Namao. Kris was born in Edmonton on September 14, 1957. She moved to Stettler at a very early age, then returned to Sherwood Park at the age of 14. Kris graduated from high school in 1975 and moved to Edmonton, where she worked at the Court House for 13 years until her marriage to Cal in 1988. Cal and Chris live in Calgary, and in his spare time Cal plays slow pitch baseball and hockey.

Deborah Jeanne was born April 3, 1957. She went to school at Namao and M.E. LaZerte Composite High School in Edmonton. Deb played on school basketball, volleyball and community softball teams. While at LaZerte, her basketball team won the Provincial Championship in Lethbridge. The Bon Accord Girls Softball Team that Deb played on, also won a Provincial Championship in Lethbridge. Deb was a member of the Button and Bows 4-H Clothing Club from the ages of 12 to 18, finishing as a Junior Leader. She attended the University of Alberta and graduated with a Bachelor of Education in 1979, with a double major in Special Education and Science. While at university, she played for the U of A Panda Women's Hockey Team and won the Provincial Championship. Deb started teaching Special Education at Black Diamond Elementary School. On August 27, 1982, she married Craig Brown in Calgary. They divorced in 1989. Deb is still a teacher at Black Diamond, coaches basketball and softball teams, and enjoys skiing in her spare time.

Barry Arnold was born April 29, 1961. He attended Namao School and graduated from Sturgeon Composite High School. He played badminton and hockey throughout his school years. Barry has been employed by CN Intermodal since 1978. On July 7, 1984, he married Daniele Durgre'. She was born April 20, 1956, in Trois Riviers, Quebec. Daniele completed her education in Ste. Therese, Quebec, before coming to Edmonton in 1980, where she met Barry. Daniele is a supervisor at the Wild Rose Credit Union in Edmonton. Barry and Daniele live in Edmonton.

Elmer died January 1991.

SAMIS, Allen and Elizabeth

Allen Perrin (Ted) Samis was born January 22, 1913, at the Namao Store which, at that time, was owned by his father, Steven. Ted attended the brick



Ken Rye Family. Back Row, L-R: Barry, Daniele, Deb, Kris and Cal. Front Row, L-R: Doris and Ken.



Samis Family. Back Row: Dorothy, Glen, Esther, Ted, Ken, Ralph. Front Row: Bertha and Eva.

two-room schoolhouse for ten years, and then went on to Victoria Composite High School for two years. In between his studies, he worked on the family farm. Around 1934, he worked in the Samis Mine in which Ted and three of his brothers were part owners. He was actively involved in hockey for 25 years, and also in baseball with his brothers for around 30 years. In 1956, Ted began driving a school bus and continued to drive for 25 years, at which point he retired. On July 9, 1938, he married Elizabeth Thomson (Betty) Sinclair of Edmonton. Betty was born July 23, 1916, to Charles and Elizabeth Sinclair (nee MacKenzie). She attended H.A. Gray School and then went on to Eastwood High School. From high school she continued her education at Tech School, followed by being hired on by Alberta Water Resources. She remained at the Water Resources for about five years until her marriage to Ted. Betty was extremely active. She participated for years in the 4-H Sewing Club, the Girls Club, Happiettes, U.C.W., and various other branches of community work. She was also interested in curling and bridge. Betty passed away on October 7, 1989. Ted resided on the old home farm west of Namao until his passing on March 28, 1990.

Ted and Betty had four children: Charles, Caryll, Robert and Lori. Charles is working at the Edmonton Municipal Airport as an air traffic control supervisor. He is married to Laurie Aubin. Chuck has four children: Micheal, born May 31, 1962, is working at a printing shop; Greg, born January 18, 1964, is completing his degree in medicine; Scott, born March 2, 1968, is attending the medical faculty at the University of Alberta; Lisa, born October 13, 1969, is working at the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

Caryll, born July 6, 1943, married Norman



Ted and Betty Samis, 50th Wedding Anniversary, July 9th, 1988.



Ted and Betty Samis and Family taken at their 50th Wedding Anniversary, July 9th, 1988.

Carruthers on September 22, 1962. They have two children, Bruce, born August 24, 1964; and Karen, born March 8, 1967. Caryll and Norm bought the Samis farm from Ted and Betty in 1966, where they've resided ever since. Since 1968, they have been in the farm equipment business, an undertaking that has involved the whole family. Bruce is presently working with Carruthers Implements Ltd., after graduating from NAIT in Business Administration. Karen is attending the faculty of Education at the University of Alberta. She also has a keen interest in judging Arabian horses.

Bob, born October 3, 1948, married Margaret Zima of Sunnyside on June 16, 1972. Bob graduated from Namao High School, then went to NAIT where he graduated in the field of air con-



L-R: Norman, Caryll, Karen and Bruce Carruthers, 1990.

ditioning technology. Margaret attended Namao School and graduated from Victoria Composite High School. She then attended the University of Alberta, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree. She is presently store manager for the Bay Londonderry. Bob and Margaret reside in the Rio Terrace area of Edmonton.

Lori, born March 1, 1959, married Brad Elanik of Edmonton on May 31, 1980. They have two children, Brett, born September 21, 1981; and Erin, born September 14, 1985. Brad and Lori started their own paint contracting company, B & E Painting Ltd. They reside in Namao, west of the school.

SAMIS, Glen and Elizabeth (Bessie)

Glen and Bessie lived in Excelsior in the brick house on the farm all their married lives.

They had many other ventures. Glen operated the elevator at Excelsior for a few years. He then did commercial straw baling. He grew certified seed potatoes, doing quite well showing them at the Toronto Royal Exhibition. Glen worked with the Prairie Farmers Association, settling veterans on farms after World War II. His last venture was operating a saw mill near Whitecourt. He was always interested in new methods of farming — one of the first in the area to own a combine, to spread anhydrous ammonia for fertilizer, to make silage with a forage harvester, and to do other farm experiments.

Bessie enjoyed her garden, especially the strawberries and raspberries. Another guest was always welcome at the table.

Her spare moments were filled with crocheting and knitting. She has left many bedspreads and tablecloths for her grandchildren to enjoy.

Bessie died in August, 1978, two weeks after

her granddaughter Laurel's wedding, and two weeks before their fiftieth anniversary.

Glen carried on, proving himself an excellent cook. He died on Christmas Eve, 1987.

Glen and Bessie had two children, Barbara Horricks and Ronald (Peter) Samis. Peter carries on farming the family farm and raises purebred quarter horses.

SAMIS, Howard and Viola

In 1942 Howard and Viola, with daughter, Shirley-Anne, moved to Vancouver, where Howard worked as a welder for Hamilton Bridge Shipbuilding, building cargo vessels and landing craft.

The wet Vancouver weather caused Vi to get a severe case of asthma, so they had to leave Vancouver and return to the dry climate of Alberta. In 1944 Howard re-opened the garage, which he and Vi operated until 1977.

In 1945 daughter Sharon was born.

The garage was sold in 1977 and the Samises moved to a small piece of land on the Chris Carruthers' farm, where they set up a mobile home and garage. They have lived there ever since.

Sharon and her husband, Lloyd Epp, live on an acreage west of Stony Plain. They have two boys, Jason and Stephen. Shirley Anne is married to Frank Collisson and they have five children: Lenore, Wendy, Trudy, Tracy and Howard. Frank is a heavy equipment operator and they live in Chilliwack, B.C.



Viola and Howard Samis.



Back Row, Standing: Lloyd Epp. Front: Steven, Sharon and Jason Epp.

Lenore is married to Ed Rowaan and they have two children, Vicki and Tim. Wendy has one boy, Richard, and is married to Cameron Clark. Trudy, Tracy and Howard are single.



Back: Shirley Ann, Howard and Viola. Front: Sharon.

SAMIS, Kenneth Albert and Family

An update on the family of the first born of Kenneth Edward Samis of Namao and Dorothy Louise Coulson of Edmonton.

Ken Jr. is currently living in Edmonton and still working in the oil-patch. Ken was married in Cal-

gary on November 1, 1969, to Jean Efford, a native of Alameda, Saskatchewan. They have two children, Bradley and Ronel.

Brad was born May 29, 1971, and travelled with them on their first move to Grande Prairie that same year. He has graduated from high school and plans to enter the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, registering in Biological Science.

Ronel was born August 27, 1973, shortly after their move to Edmonton from Grande Prairie. An avid dancer, she is still attending high school and works part time in a ladies boutique.

Jeannie works at the Alberta College Conservatory of Music. She is semi-retired from the position of super mom, and spends her time with the church choir, plays the piano and chips away at her university degree.

A job change for Ken in 1974 took them from Edmonton to Swan Hills for four years. In 1978 the company expanded and they returned to Edmonton. Ken is the General Manager of an oil well servicing rig company, and is also semi-retired now that Brad no longer plays AA hockey.

The family enjoys good health and is looking forward to the coming years, as the parents back off somewhat, and the children start to make their moves in life.

SAMIS, Neil and Family

I, Neil Samis, the second son, was born January 16, 1938, to Ken and Dorothy Samis of Namao, Alberta. I married Sennie Towpich in 1960. We had two children, Kym Samis, born February 6, 1962; and Jeff Samis, born July 2, 1963, in Edmonton, Alberta. I was married for twelve years to Sennie Towpich, then divorced in 1973.

On February 14, 1988, I married Ann McKean from Guelph, Ontario. Through the years, I have worked for the City Police Department for thirteen years. In addition, I drove a cab for five years. Following that, I went back to school, at the age of 37, for four and a half years. In conclusion, I am working for the Department of National Defence as a computer operator at the Namao Air Base.

Kym Samis lives in Vancouver, B.C. and is working towards her Master's Degree in Physiology at the University of British Columbia.

Jeff Samis lives in Calgary, Alberta, working as a manager in Administration for the Royal Bank of Canada.

SEGAERT, Roger and Jeanne

In 1962 they bought an acreage in Carbondale

and moved out there with their three daughters: Deanna, Gloria and Darlene.

In 1963 Deanna married Ted Suranyi. They, also, bought an acreage in Carbondale. They have four children: Roger, Eddie, Mike and Nancy. Currently Ted, Deanna and Nancy live in Carbondale. Ed and Mike live in Edmonton. In 1988, Roger married Debra Dewald. They have a daughter, Nicole, and reside in Carbondale.

In 1972 Roger Sr. died of cancer; Jeanne raised her two younger daughters alone.

Gloria attended Namao School, Victoria Composite High School, and graduated from M.E. LaZerte. In 1973 she married Cliff Sichkaryk, "the boy next door". They eventually bought an acreage in Carbondale and built their present home there. They have two children, Christy and Steven, who both attend Namao School.

Darlene attended Namao School and M.E. LaZerte High School. In 1981 she became engaged to Dan Lavoie of Sunnyside, her childhood sweetheart. They also bought a house in Carbondale. On July 1, 1982, in the early morning hours, their house caught fire and they both died in this tragic fire.

Jeanne worked at Dominion Tanners in Edmonton for twenty-five years until she retired in 1988.

She loves to travel and has made several trips to Belgium to visit friends and family. She also visits family in Ontario, Quebec and Michigan. She has been to Hawaii, California and recently returned from a trip that included Utah, Arizona, Nevada and Mexico. She hopes to be able to continue to travel as long as her health permits.

SHULTZ, Byron and Marlene

After leaving Namao School in 1959, Byron worked for Dominion Auto Carriers, moving to Winnipeg to manage their depot in Strathcona. He then attended the Manitoba Technical Institute for a year, attaining his Radio Technician Certificate in 1962.

Following his marriage to Marlene Granda, a graduate of the Winnipeg General Hospital School of Nursing, in August of 1962, they moved back to Edmonton. Byron worked for Community TV and Appliance Service for several years, apprenticing as a TV Technician. Marlene worked part time at the Royal Alexandra Hospital. Bart was born in 1963, Bonnie in 1964, and Grant in 1968.

In December of 1968, the family moved to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, where Byron started a radio and TV service business.

They returned to live on the family farm in 1970, after his parents moved to Edmonton. Byron then started Bymar Radio and TV Service in Edmonton (and did a little pig farming on the side). Byron remained in business for five years, then took up farming on the home place. A new home was built in 1973, one-half mile west of the original homesite, and was completed just in time for Christmas.

Byron and Marlene became involved in many community activities. Always interested in sports, Byron played on the senior ball team for several years. He was instrumental in starting the first gentlemen's hockey team at Namao, then known as the Northstars. Following that, he helped start the Rusty Blades. At the time of his death in March of 1981, he was managing the Namao Sailcats Senior Team.

Marlene returned to work at Dickinsfield Extended Care Center, where she is still employed. She remains active in the community.

Grant died in a tragic accident in November of 1985. Bart and Bonnie (who changed her name to Brittany Carter in 1986) now reside in Edmonton.

SHULTZ, Dale and Mabel and Family

by Dale Shultz

I was born at Namao, went to school there, and one year at Victoria High School, where I met Mabel Killips. We were married on August 2, 1929. We farmed at Excelsior until we retired and moved to St. Albert. We celebrated our sixtieth anniversary on August 2, 1989.

We have three daughters: Marilyn, Lois and Betty. Marilyn married Dean Stanton, and they



Dale and Mabel Shultz 60th Anniversary at Namao, July 22, 1989

had two daughters, Kelly and Cory. Marilyn lives and works in Brampton, Ontario. Kelly married Vance Johner, and they have two children, Chandra and Tyler. They live north of Gibbons, Alberta. Cory lives in Calgary with her husband, John Simson, and two daughters, Tristen and Jessica.

Lois married Lester Dutton, and they live in St. Albert. They have three children: Brian, Carol and Dennis. Brian married Bernice Schmidtt, and they have two sons, Blair and Brandon. Carol married Michael Schmermund, and they have two sons, Gordon and Matthew. Dennis married Cindy Weismantel. They have a son, Cody, and a daughter, Tanya.

Betty married Gary Pedersen, and they live in Edmonton. Betty and Gary's daughter, Lori, married Wallace English. She now lives with her parents, along with her daughter, Lauren.

SHULTZ, Lloyd and Frances

Lloyd was born on February 24, 1914, in Namao, the son of John Logan and Pearl Shultz.

He attended school at Rose Ridge, and afterwards worked on the farm in summer. He was employed in the winter at the Penn Mine and also later at the Riverdale Mine.

He took his apprenticeship in general mechanics with Howard Samis for two summers. Later, he took a diesel course at Calgary and earned his provincial license in diesel and automotives.

In 1939, in partnership with a friend, he opened a service station and repair shop in north-east Edmonton.

War was declared and the business was sold, and Lloyd joined Aircraft Repair in the fall of 1939. The purpose of Aircraft Repair was to overhaul and repair aircraft sent from Great Britain for use in the training of Royal Canadian Air Force personnel.

He spent a short time as a mechanic, and was promoted to the aircraft inspection staff position which he held until enlisting in the United States Air Force.

Lloyd took his basic training at Great Falls, Montana, and returned to Edmonton. After nineteen months spent at the Edmonton base as inspector and crew chief, he was transferred to Whitehorse as a line chief and crew chief to the Commanding Officer. After being discharged from the U.S.A.F. in 1946, he joined the Alberta Government Repair Shop and resigned in 1951 to join Cummins Diesel Power. He spent 21 years at Cummins.

He spent some time after that with Hayes Truck in Terrace, B.C., Tom's Diesel and Coneco Equipment. He retired in 1979.

Lloyd married Frances Readman in 1942. Frances was born in Toronto, Ontario in 1918, and came west as a child. She worked full time and part time in various retail businesses and retired in 1984. They have two daughters, Irene and Jean. Both reside in Edmonton. Jean is employed as manager of Health Records Analysis Unit at the General Hospital (Grey Nuns) of Edmonton. Rene is Branch Supervisor of Office Overload Edmonton and is married to Jim Campbell. Jim works for the provincial government as manager of negotiations.

SICHKARYK, Charles and Elizabeth

submitted by Gloria Sichkaryk

It was the summer of 1956 when Charlie and Betty Sichkaryk decided to move their family from Edmonton to Carbondale. They bought a small house on the corner of what is now RGE RD 244 and TWP RD 552. When they moved to Carbondale they had eight children. Claude would be born later in 1962. Their children's names and birth-dates are:

Charlotte — January 1945; Clifford — July 1947; Myrna — November 1949; Lloyd — February 1951; Ronald — December 1953; Donald and David — December 1954; Curtis — May 1956; Claude — February 1962.

Charlie and Betty lived in a small house until the summer of 1960. It was at that time that they moved once again, this time it was across the road into a much larger home. It was the old Carbondale School. This was to become the homesite for the Sichkaryk family for decades to come. The first home they owned in Carbondale was later sold to Basil and Stella Thayer.

Charlie worked at his trade as a carpenter, and often was away from home working in the north.

In 1966, Charlie and Betty moved a house from the city of Edmonton onto a foundation on the same property where they were living. It was in that same year they moved across the yard into the new home. The original Carbondale School, which had been converted into their home, was later torn down, and much of the lumber was sold.

During this bustling time, the family was very active in school, sporting, and community events. All of the children attended Namao School. In the spring and summer months you could often find

the Sichkaryks playing ball. There were enough children to make up their own team!

It was on May 22, 1964, that Betty and Charlie's eldest child, Charlotte, married a young lad from Duncan, B.C. His name was Skip Ness. They later moved to Vancouver Island and continue to reside there. They have three children; twin girls, Paula and Patricia, and one son, Donald.

Tragedy struck the Sichkaryk family on June 26, 1967. It was on that date that Charlie and his twelve year old son, Donald, both lost their lives in a drowning accident. Charlie and a few of his sons had gone to the Sturgeon River just down the hill from Carbondale. They were hauling water for the livestock when the accident occurred. Betty was left to raise their family on her own. At the time of the accident there were six school aged children, Charlotte was married, and Cliff was working and had moved back home.

Betty had been working at the Royal Alexandra Hospital prior to the accident. She continued to work at the hospital in the housekeeping department and later transferred to the respiratory department and worked there until her retirement in 1985.

Myrna, the second of two daughters, married William Bezzola on February 10, 1970. Bill and Myrna have made their home for several years in the Parkdale area of Edmonton. They have three children: Kimberly, William, and Paulette.

On June 30, 1973, the eldest son, Clifford, married Gloria Segart. Her family also lived in Carbondale. They have two children, Christy and Steven. Cliff and Gloria continue to make their home in Carbondale. Their home is situated adjacent to the original Sichkaryk homesite.

Lloyd married Nancy Carey of Edmonton on October 25, 1975. For the first few years of their marriage, they lived in a mobile home at Crozier Dairies. Lloyd had been working at Crozier Dairies for some time and continues to work there today. In 1984, Lloyd and Nancy moved to their present home in the Castledowns area in Edmonton where they are raising their two children, Tanner and Jolene.

On January 10, 1976, Ronald married Kathy Luc of Edmonton. Ron and Kathy had both attended M.E. LaZerte High School. They, along with their two daughters, Carlee and Erin, make their home in the Castledowns area of Edmonton.

It was in the fall of 1979 that Betty had decided to move to Edmonton. There were several reasons why she had decided to move, one of them being that she wanted to be closer to work and

didn't like driving in the winter. She moved into an apartment which she quite enjoyed.

Curtis, in 1980, decided to buy the property which was originally owned by his parents. He lives in the same house he and his family once did. In the summer of 1987, he began to share his life with Lise Ruthardt and her two daughters, Christine and Natalie. At the present time, they all make their home in Carbondale.

March 7, 1981, was the date of another wedding in the Sichkaryk family. Claude married Betty Chauvin of New Westminster, B.C. Claude and Betty had two children, Malcolm and Sabrina. Betty tragically lost her life as a very young woman due to a brain hemorrhage on May 5, 1986. Claude and his two children make their home in the Londonderry area of Edmonton.

October 22, 1983, was the date that David married Darla See of Edmonton. Presently, Darla, her son Ricky, and David all make their home in the Londonderry area of Edmonton.

There was much sadness when Betty Sichkaryk passed away. After a short stay in the hospital, she died January 31, 1989.

The Sichkaryk family has grown and prospered over the years. They have strong roots going back to their early lives, growing up in Carbondale. Instilled with a good sense of community and family values, all is well.

SICHKARYK, Curtis

The southwest corner of Range Road 244 and Carbondale Road is the historic site of the Carbondale Schoolhouse. The house presently on the site is the home of Curtis Sichkaryk and Lise Ruthardt and her daughters, Christine and Natalie, and while it has a story of its own, it is not, as many people believe, the old schoolhouse itself.

We know that to be true because Curtis and his family lived in the Carbondale Schoolhouse from 1959 to 1966. It was situated southeast of the present house, where our garden is now located.

That is not to say that they were newcomers to Carbondale in 1959. They had been living in a small house across the road from the school since July 1956. Charles and Elizabeth Sichkaryk had eight children: Charlotte, Cliff, Myrna, Lloyd, Ronald, twins David and Donald, and Curtis, who was two months old. In 1962, their third year of living in the schoolhouse, Claude, their ninth child, was born.

The present house was bought in Edmonton

and moved to the two acre lot in 1966. By that time, Charlotte had married and was living in B.C.

In June of 1967, tragedy struck, Curtis's father and Donald, one of the twins, were drowned in the Sturgeon River. Elizabeth kept the family in Carbondale and continued to live in the house until 1978, when she moved to an apartment in Edmonton. She passed away January 31, 1989.

Curtis bought the house from his mother in 1980, and continues the Sichkaryk history in Carbondale. His sister, Charlotte, still lives in B.C. The rest of the family, except for Cliff who still lives in Carbondale, have all moved to Edmonton.

SIM, Mame (nee Latimer)

After the passing of her husband, Alex (Scotty), on July 31, 1960, Mame stayed on the farm in Winterburn until November 1971. At that time, the farm was sold and she moved into Stony Plain.

She bought two farms in the Stony Plain area, 80 acres in 1973 and a half section in 1975. She also bought a quarter of pasture land at Tomahawk which is still farmed today by her, Eldon, Terry, Ken, Laurie and her husband.

She built a log home on the corner of her farm south of Stony Plain, and moved into that house in October 1983, where she is more than happy to be.



L-R: Margaret Gibson, Mary Sim and Alf Latimer.

SPEER, Hugh

by Hugh Speer

My grandparents, William and Margaret Speer, settled near Woodstock, New Brunswick. There were so many Speers in that area that the school district was called "Speerville". There was an abundance of wood available, and men to build

good buildings and to clear the land. After a few years, the land turned out to be very poor and stony. Perhaps it produced crops for a few years, but in 1907 they sold out and moved west to Edmonton. They had seven boys and three girls. Garnett, my father who was 25 years of age, and his younger brother, Harold, who was 13 years of age, came first with two or three carloads of livestock and machinery. The rest of the family followed later. They built a large house in Edmonton on 102 Street just off 107 Avenue. I think that having to leave the place in New Brunswick, that my grandfather cleared and built on, almost broke his heart. At any rate, he was never too well after that. One son, Herb, had the Foothill Confectionery store at the foot of McDougall Hill steps for years. A picture of this store can be seen in the long picture on the wall at the Londonderry Mall Hudson Bay coffee shop. One daughter's husband was one of the first blacksmiths in Edmonton, in a shop located on 107 Avenue just west of 101 Street. My dad had various activities before purchasing the south half of 29-54-23-W4, near Namao where we now live. My mother, Mary Paul, came west in about 1909. She had taught school in New Brunswick near Perth-Andover and got a three year permit to teach in Alberta. She taught at Kitscotty, Notre Dame, Horse Hill and Turnip Lake. Turnip Lake is about a quarter mile north of what is now Northtown Mall in Edmonton. On asking an old timer why it was called Turnip Lake, we were told that he thought that it had been a shallow slough, and that when the Indians wanted to cross it, all they had to do was turn up their pant legs and wade across. Somewhere along the line, Mother and Dad met and married in 1913.

I was born in 1915. In 1917, we moved to the farm where my wife and I now live. It was here that my two sisters, Marjorie and Elsie, were born. There were only ten acres of land broken on the farm and I well remember running in the furrow behind Dad's three-horse walking plow. A new furrow feels very nice to a little boy's feet. Marjorie grew up and married Jack Cardy, a mechanic from Edmonton. They had two children, Doug and Cathy. They spent about six years in Tripoli, Lybia and Tehran in Iran. At that time the children were of high school age. Doug went to Switzerland and Cathy went to Rome. They got out of Iran just before the country became hostile. Elsie married Ken Sullivan and they have three children: Shirley, Bob and Joe. Shirley and Joe still live in Edmonton and Bob lives in Calgary.

I married Margaret Walter in 1939, and we have



Hugh and Margaret Speer's Family, 1986. L-R: Bill Speer, Margaret Speer, Susan Speer, Laura Speer, Hugh Speer, Mary Speer, Janet Speer, Brian Kennedy, Deneen Kennedy, Bill Kennedy, Faye Kennedy, Stephen Kennedy, Kim Kennedy, Don Kennedy, Bud Britton and Jean Britton.



Margaret and Hugh Speer's 50th Wedding Anniversary, 1989.

three children: Faye, Bill and Jean. Margaret's parents, Herb and Hannah Walter, came West from Ontario and Prince Edward Island — met and married in 1913. They had 12 children. They homesteaded near Chaplin, Saskatchewan, where the soil was light, but it produced well for a few years. When the fibre was worked out after a few dry years, it began to blow away, and so they then moved to Hythe, Alberta, and were allowed to homestead for a second time. Herb's health began to fail, and in 1934 they left Hythe with four teams and ten children. After a month, they arrived at what is now Woodward's Westmount. They eventually bought a farm at Sundre, Alberta.

Our children, Faye and Bill, started school at Namao. Later a new two-room school opened at Horse Hill in 1948, where they then attended and got their senior matriculation. Jean, the youngest, was able to get most of her high school there but took her last year at Victoria High School. Faye graduated from the University of Alberta School of Nursing. She married Don Kennedy and they have three sons and one grandson. They live in Sherwood Park. Bill graduated from the University of Alberta as an electronic engineer. From university he was hired by Canadian General Electric and moved to Peterborough, Ontario. He lives there with his wife (nee Susan McVicar) and their three daughters. Jean graduated from the last class of McTavish Business College. She married Bud Britton and they live in Fort Saskatchewan.

Our family was always closely associated with the Clifford Speer family (Uncle Clifford and Aunt Polly) through the years.

I feel that in my lifetime I have been privileged to see more changes than any generation in history has ever see or ever will see: from a tub in front

of the kitchen stove to a modern bathroom; from a horse and buggy to modern cars, and from a walking plow to my eight-plow tractor.

SPEERS, Donald and Family

Don was born August 29, 1926, to Harry and Bertha Speers in the Namao district. He took his schooling at Namao and two years at the Olds Agricultural College. During World War II, he helped his dad on the farm when not going to school, and after graduating from College.

In 1953, he and his brother, Jack, started a dairy farm on their dad's home place. This dairy was not, what was then called, conventional, cows tied in single stalls. It was quite a new concept in those days, which was called loose housing, having an area called a parlor in which to milk the cows, and an open area with bedding in it for the cows to lie down.

Surprisingly enough, those two worked together for 30 years without too much trouble. They are semi-retired, that is, they are still grain farming with the help of all Don's boys, when they are available.

Don married Arlene Joyce McDonell in 1958. They built their home on the farm. They have three sons: Brian, Murray and Leslie (Les).

Brian met and married a girl from Newfoundland, Diane Butler, who was teaching in Northern Alberta. At the time, he was a commercial pilot, flying out of Fort Vermilion. At the time of writing, he is still commercially flying and Diane is teaching at Tofield, Alberta. They live in Edmonton.

Brian and Murray Speers were class A ticketed heavy duty mechanics who learned to fly, and when they got the opportunity, to fly commercially. They both quit their mechanic jobs and went to work as pilots. They are still flying in and out of Alberta.

Leslie (Les) has taken water management at Westera Institute, but still works on the farm. Murray and Les are not married.

SPEERS, Harry

by Jack Speers

Halsal Speers, born January 23, 1881, came to Canada from England in April of 1903 at the age of 22, changed his given name to Harry, and went to work for the Hutchings in the Poplar Lake district for \$10.00 a month. He didn't get much money for that six months, so he went over to work in a mining area now called Carbondale.

The next summer he and his two friends, Joe Dawkins and Jack Richardson, who came out from England with him, rented ¼ section of land 16-55-24-W4, from Neil and Hector McLean, which had 35 acres broken on it. They worked in the mine in the winter and on the farm in the summer. Harry, my dad, told of some of the things that they did to help themselves, like putting sticks of dynamite on the stove in a frying pan to heat it enough to be able to put the blasting caps into it, before going into the mine. They entered the mines in those days on a slope, which is to start mining right at the edge of the coulee bank and take the coal out. They would go into the bank as far as they could go, before the candle they used to see with became so dim from the lack of oxygen, that they couldn't see even with six candles tied together. He said the flame would float about an inch above the wick. They would abandon that entry and start in a new place. My dad called them gopher holes. The partners worked in the mine in the winter and on their farm in the summer. Harry became sole owner of the farm in 1912 and continued to farm there until his death in September of 1959.

In 1921 he married Bertha Samis, a girl who was born May 12 of 1897, in a little shack four and a half miles north of Namao, on her father's John Stephen Samis homestead.

Bertha and Harry had three children, Dorothy, born October 13, 1923; John, nicknamed Jack, born February 22, 1925; and Donald, born August 27, 1926.

Dorothy died of osteomyelitis in January of 1939 brought on by a hip injury. Harry, her dad, died September 29, 1959.

Jack and Don operated the expanded farm from 1947, and a dairy farm from 1953, under the name of Speers Bros., until they became a corporate farm in 1979 by the name of Folly Farms



Jack, Don and Dorothy Speers on Fordson tractor with Nellie Warren behind Don.



Four Generations, 1923. Bertha Speers (mother), Rosa Samis (grandmother), Esther Shultz (great grandmother) holding Dorothy Speers (baby).

Ltd. In England, a folly is a draw in the land, or a ravine. The building site is situated on the edge of a folly. Folly Farms sold the dairy in 1983, but they still operate the land that has been acquired in the last 88 years.

Jack Speers is still not married. He lives with his mother, who became 93 in May of 1990. Jack has been a member of the Namao United Church Board since 1950, treasurer since 1976, treasurer of the Agricultural Society since 1984, and is now taking his turn as president of the Namao Seniors 60+ Club. He spent three and a half years as an Aero-engine mechanic in World War II. He spent

the next year as a milk rancher on the home farm, worked two winters in a saw mill, working for his uncle, Glen Samis, for the sum of \$4.00 a day. He cut trees with one of the first power chain saws in existence, and was also the camp cook when his uncle was not around.

In 1953, Jack and his brother, Don, started a dairy after six months as a beef breeder. With six Hereford cows, Jack traded for five Holsteins and eight Jerseys from his dad's herd. The dairy was in operation from 1953 with 13 head of cattle, until 1983 with a milking herd of 85 head, when they sold out to go into semi-retirement; that is, they still run the farm without the dairy.

Jack is well named; Jack of all trades and master of none.

SPENCE, Douglas Gordon and Alberta

Douglas Gordon Spence was born in Sarnia, Ontario, April 10, 1903. In 1927 he married Alberta Mary Horton, born in 1906 in Fort Saskatchewan. She died October 5, 1976, in Edmonton. Douglas died November 5, 1985, in Fort Saskatchewan.

Children:

Arthur Austin Spence — born January 19, 1929.

Married July 11, 1951, to Theresa Margaret Godard, born June 19, 1931, in Edmonton. Arthur died in 1965 in Edmonton.

Douglas John Spence — born June 21, 1934, in Edmonton.

Married in 1958 to Donna Mae Brietzke, born September 21, 1937, in Rochester, Alberta.

Donald Alberta Spence, born May 20, 1940, in Edmonton.

Married June 1, 1967, to Lynda Irene Morris, born April 17, 1947.

Marilyn Joyce Spence — born February 18, 1942.

Married July 10, 1965, to Edward Robert Pittman, born May 4, 1939.

STANLAKE Family

by E. M. Stanlake

Richard and Mary Stanlake of Devonshire, England, were Samuel and Jack Stanlake's parents. Samuel Stanlake was born in 1862.

In 1885, Samuel and Jack left their home in England and came to Dresden, Ontario, where their brother, George, had settled the year before.

Samuel and Jack stayed in Ontario for four



Jim and Mary Stanlake, Ethel and George, Mary Ellen, Ethel, George and Samuel Stanlake.

years, then the West called and they came to Alberta, where they took up homesteads in 1890. Jack Stanlake filed on S.W. 28-54-23-W4. He stayed until 1898, when he left to go to the Klondike Gold Rush. Samuel never heard from him again. Oliver Bell bought Jack's homestead.

Samuel filed on S.E. 28-54-23-W4. He cleared some land and built a log house and other buildings.

To help his finances, Samuel rode his horse from his homestead to Edmonton and cut brush on Jasper Avenue for \$1.00 a day, then rode home again to feed and milk his cows. Samuel Stanlake and George J. Dorland bached together until Samuel married.

Henry Borgwardt, born March 17, 1855, and Caroline Wiese, born in 1857, were married in Germany in 1879. They had six children: Mary, born September 26, 1880; Annie, born July 6, 1884; Emma, born May 7, 1888; Charles, born October 14, 1890; William, born January 2, 1894; and Minnie, born April 5, 1896.

Henry, Caroline and daughters, Mary and Annie, left Hamburg and arrived in Halifax in 1886. They left Halifax after Emma was born. They stopped in Winnipeg for awhile and then moved on to Alberta, where they farmed three years at Dunsmore. Charles was born there. After three years of crop failures and not getting their seed back, fifty German families decided to move north to Edmonton.

Henry, Caroline and family settled at Horse Hill in 1891. When they arrived in Edmonton, houses were scarce so they lived in an abandoned chicken house the first winter. Henry filed on a homestead at Horse Hill in 1891. They built a log cabin in which they lived from 1892 to 1895. In 1895, they built a two-storey frame house on a one foot wide stone foundation.

William and Minnie were born here. Minnie died when she was ten.

Henry was active in any community projects and helped build the first Horse Hill School, which all six of his children attended. The first school was built on S.E. 16-54-23-W4. Then the red brick school was built on N.W. 9-54-23-W4.

Caroline Borgwardt grew a large vegetable garden and raised chickens, turkeys and cows. Each week Caroline would hitch up the team and drive to the city with fresh vegetables, eggs, butter and cream and peddle them in the west end, which was 124 Street then. Soon she got steady customers. Caroline would shell peas for her customers while going to town.

Samuel Stanlake was married to Mary Borgwardt August 22, 1900, at her parent's home by Rev. A. Forbes, a Presbyterian. They had two children, Ethel and George, both born on the farm in the log house. Ethel was born in 1901, and George Henry Stanlake was born September 4, 1903.

Samuel was a good farmer and with the help of his wife, was successful.

When George and Ethel were small children they were visiting Grandpa Henry Borgwardt. He had a stack of hay which was steaming. It fascinated George and he wished their hay stacks would steam too. When he came home he got some matches and made their stacks more than steam. Surprisingly enough, his father wasn't angry with him.

Ethel and George walked two and one half miles to the Notre Dame School, north of the correction line. As children, they would ride their stick horses across the fields to visit their grandparents, Henry and Caroline Borgwardt.



William Borgwardt, Annie Clarke, Emma Sharp and Charles Burgwardt.

In 1910 Samuel and Mary built a new home. Materials for building the house cost approximately \$1,250.00. The six veranda posts cost \$2.00 each and the gable ornament \$6.50. Windows complete with frames were \$1.25 each.

On December 28, 1928, Samuel Stanlake died of pneumonia, leaving the farm to his son, George, with a life interest to his wife, Mary Ellen.

George married Elizabeth Mary Parkinson Thornton on February 27, 1935, at St. Faith's Church. George's mother, Mary Ellen, passed away June 4, 1959.

Years ago, George had a number of ugly warts on his hands. He heard somewhere if you hide the dish cloth the warts would go away. He took his mother's dish cloth and hid it. His mother looked all over for it but George played innocent and said nothing. Strangely his warts disappeared.

George got his first tractor in 1935, a steel wheel John Deere which cost \$1,286.65.

When George took over farming in 1928, the southwest corner on the farm had not been brushed. George, along with his hired help, cut the trees by hand saw and pulled the stumps with a team of horses. The wood was kept for firewood.

In 1939, George bought the N.W. ¼ 9-55-23-W4, paying \$3,200.00 for the 160 acres. George farmed this land until 1944, when the land just south of the farm came up for sale. He bought the 320 acres of E ½ 21-54-23-W4 from Archie Clark. Only part of the land was broken at this time. After many long hours of hard work, he cleared the land.

George and Mary Stanlake had three daughters: Georgia Mary, Doreen Elizabeth and Loreen Carol. Georgia became a teacher; Doreen, a secretary; and Loreen, an X-ray technician.

Mary Stanlake continued to live on the farm after George passed away March 31, 1976, and still lives there with Loreen.

Georgia married Nick German July 28, 1962. In 1969-70 they built their home on the farm where they still live. They have two children, Donald Lawrence and Carol Leslie. Nick works for PCL, Donald works for Co-op Press, and Carol is in Grade 12 at M.E. LaZerte High School.

On March 12, 1982, Nick and Georgia had an unwelcome visitor. Harvey Andres, a prisoner from the Edmonton Institute, escaped and came into their home through a basement window when they were sleeping. He had a gun and said he wanted dry clothes and the truck. He wanted the truck warmed, so he and Nick went out to start it, then came back in and sat at the kitchen table just like



Elizabeth Mary and George Stanlake.

he had come for a visit, in no hurry to go. It was at this time they found out he had committed murder. Nick was working at Scotford and driving a PBS truck, so it was dubbed "Prison Break-out Service".

Doreen married Walter Obrigewitch on August 12, 1961. They have three children: Dale Walter, Wayne Ross and Elaine Joy. Walter has his own company, Delwood Glass Limited. Dale married Tracey Schneider on July 4, 1987. Dale works for Alberta Treasury Branches. They have one child, Tyler Dale. Wayne will marry Valeria Kloster on June 9, 1990. Wayne works for Canada Safeway. Elaine lives at home at her parents' acreage across from Horse Hill School. Elaine works for C. W. Boon.



Back Row, L-R: Wayne, Dale and Walter Obrigewitch, Nick and Donald German. Front Row, L-R: Elaine, Tracy and Doreen Obrigewitch, Elizabeth Mary and Loreen Stanlake, Georgia and Carol German, April, 1988.

STEPHENS, Marjorie (Bailey)

I was born at Namao May 16, 1903, and attended school at Namao, and Victoria High School. On January 23, 1930, I married William

Stephens of Salisbury, now Sherwood Park. He was in the dairy business farming from 1912 until 1964, when we sold out and moved to Pibroch, seven miles north of Westlock.

Our family of four girls and three boys were born and raised while living at Salisbury. Marjorie Jr. (Bunnie) is married, lives in Fernie, B.C. and has two boys. Dorothy is married, lives in Edmonton and has two girls and two grandchildren. Marilyn is married, lives in Peace River and had three boys, adopted a girl, then had one daughter of their own. Two of her family are married and she has three grandchildren. William Jr. (Bud) and Gilbert farm at Pibroch. Freddie, married, lives at Boyle, Alberta and has one son. Linda, married, lives at Edson, Alberta and has two daughters, both married. Linda has two grandchildren.

Our family - coincidence or good management?

We had three girls, then three boys. Three of them had blue eyes and three had brown eyes. Three were left-handed and three were right-handed. Our youngest daughter was born six years later, making seven children, one for each day in a week.

The three oldest girls were married within ten months, October, May and August. The order in which they were married, Miller, Carr and Bates. M.C.B. were my initials before I was married. The first daughter married a man with six letters, "Miller", the second daughter, a man with five letters "Bates" and the third daughter, a man with four letters, "Carr", in his name.

Each person who had blue eyes married a person with brown eyes and brown eyed ones married persons with blue eyes.

The eldest daughter had two boys; the second daughter had two girls; the third daughter had two boys, had another boy, adopted a girl, had a girl of their own the next year; the fourth daughter has two girls.

Freddie, our third son, has one boy, making a total of twelve grandchildren, six grandsons and six granddaughters.

STEWART, Craig Llew and Julia

1972 as recorded by Craig Llew Stewart

Although our family did not reside in the Namao Community until 1972, we have many family roots in this area. This family consisted of my mother's families, the Craigs and the Wilsons. Both settled in this community many years ago.

In growing up, I had many a happy day

holidaying and working with these families. As a young man, I had lived for a few years with my Aunt Doris and Uncle Harold Clapp. This, in itself, was a wonderful experience; the chance to be a part of, and to watch, such a close knit family had taught me many things about being a good person, and given many traits I hope I have carried through my life, and passed on to my own family.

I, myself, was lucky enough to find and fall in love with my beautiful wife of twenty-five years. Her name was Julia Tomczak. She was a farm girl from Heisler, Alberta. We were married on May 2, 1964. Together we were blessed with the births of four children.

The oldest child, Brenda, was born on April 26, 1965. She was recently married to an Air Force serviceman, Eric Vokes from Owen Sound, Ontario. They presently reside in Cold Lake, Alberta.

The second, born on March 12, 1967, was Larry. He is presently active in the sport of parachuting. He also works on the Volunteer Fire Department.

The third, born on May 3, 1968, is Leanne. She is currently working on plans for her upcoming marriage in the summer of 1990 to Craig Carson. Craig also has many family roots in this area.

The last child, born on July 19, 1973, is Colleen. She is currently half way through high school and looking forward to continuing her education after graduation. Colleen is very active in sports including hockey, basketball and volleyball.

As members of the community, we have been active in the local 4-H program, Community League and Volunteer Fire Department.

As a family, we have had many wonderful times, and are filled with beautiful memories of our time as members of the Namao community.

STORIE, Robert and Gladys

as told by their daughter, Eleanor Ziemmer

Robert (Bob) was born June 26, 1899, in Clarendon, P.Q. He had four brothers and three sisters. His parents, William and Hannah Storie, came west in 1904 and settled in the Lamoureux area for a time, then moved to a farm in the Notre Dame area. The old Storie home on the Gibbons Highway was demolished in 1989 for safety sake.

Gladys G. Speer was born December 8, 1905, in Woodstock, New Brunswick. When she was just one year old, her parents, Clifford and Robina, came west to the Horse Hill district. Her brother, Ken, was born shortly after their arrival. They also moved to a farm in the Notre Dame area. Gladys

had one sister and four brothers. Her youngest brother, Murray, and his wife, Helen, still live and farm on the original property on the Gibbons Highway.

Bob and Gladys attended the same school for part of their growing up years. They married on December 31, 1924, and settled on a quarter section in the Sunnyside district. Bob not only farmed but did a lot of carpenter work, helping to build several schools and barns. Bob's first wages as a young man were spent on his own violin, which he played by ear. He and Gladys both loved music. He played for numerous dances at Sunnyside and the surrounding area. Our old dog, Laddie, would sing when Dad played the violin. We children, of course, loved to hear Laddie and often begged Dad to play after the chores were done.

Gladys was an active member of the community club and United Church Women. She loved to crochet, make clothes for her family and also knit. Her special talent was making pies. She also loved to have a sing song around the piano.

Bob and Gladys had four children: Eleanor Louise, born November 20, 1926; Edna Jean, born April 22, 1928; Raymond Earl, born July 14, 1929; and Maxine Isabelle, born October 6, 1933. All children attended Sunnyside School and had hours of fun travelling the three miles by horse and buggy or cutter in the winter. One year Earl got skis for Christmas, so we each skied a mile to school behind the cutter. When Maxine started school, we had to share three miles into four. Eleanor will always be grateful to cousin, Doug Bowman, for helping her with her horse at school for the first two years. Eleanor and Edna attended Bon Accord High School, and Maxine attended Namao.

Bob and Gladys moved to Edmonton in 1958 but continued farming until 1963. Bob also took a job at Dominion Bridge for awhile, but his health failed and he passed away on July 17, 1965. Bob was a gentle man and a friend to all.

When Gladys was eight years old, she had a trip back to New Brunswick. In 1980, she was very excited to visit there again, accompanied by Eleanor, Dan and Maxine. They stayed with a cousin and her family, and were able to see her grandparents' old farm and also visit Uncle Sandy in a nursing home. Gladys thoroughly enjoyed her trip as did we all. Gladys maintained her own home in Edmonton until her eye sight failed in December 1987. She lived in Spruce View Manor in Gibbons for eighteen months and then moved to a nursing home in Sherwood Park, where she still resides.

Eleanor attended Sunnyside School through Grade 9 and then went to Bon Accord for Grades 10 and 11. On November 18, 1950, she married Roy T. H. Weller of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba. They lived in Edmonton until the spring of 1952, when they moved to Portage la Prairie. Roy did a bit of farming but was also a pipe fitter and worked at the airport. Later he got his diploma as a male nurse and put his learning to good use working at the Manitoba School for the Retarded in Portage la Prairie. Roy met with a tragic highway accident on November 25, 1963, and passed away at 36 years of age.

Eleanor and Roy had six children: Carol Ann, born September 11, 1951; Gordon Howie, born March 18, 1953; Sharon Joan, born October 8, 1954; David Roy, born January 14, 1957; Samuel Lee, born October 4, 1958; and Ellery Wayne, born October 13, 1960. Eleanor moved to the Sherwood Park area in July, 1964, and bought her acreage and home from her sister Maxine and her husband, Allen McEachern. The children got their schooling at Colchester, Ellerslie and Sherwood Park.

On June 28, 1969, Eleanor married Daniel Ziemmer. Daniel had five children: Debra Ann, born September 9, 1952; Vern Daniel, born December 16, 1955; Gayle Marie, born March 21, 1957; Gloria Jean, born May 16, 1958; and Brian Douglas, born July 11, 1959.

Carol Weller married Rod Courtier and they have two girls, Cheris Lenore and Jennifer Joy. Rod has his own Auto and Body Paint Shop and they live in Westbank, B.C. Carol and Rod are also foster parents. Gordon is single, and works for Parks and Recreation in Edmonton. Joan Weller married Brian Bartlett of Sherwood Park and they have two boys, Christian Ryan and Spencer Matthew. They reside in Coquitlam, B.C. Brian is manager of Woodward's Distribution Centre in New Westminster, and Joan works for Union Carbide. David Weller married Gloria Ziemmer and they have two children, Dallas Roy, the New Year's baby boy of Canada in 1984; and a girl, Chelsey Rae. David has Aaron Building Products of Westbank, B.C. and enjoys building houses. Gloria works for the Bank of Montreal. Sammy Weller was fifteen months old when Eleanor could see a shiny spot in his right eye. The doctor sent us to a specialist in Winnipeg. His suspicions were correct and we were sent to a Dr. Reece in New York. Sammy had Retinoblastoma (eye cancer) and at that time his first eye was removed and he had three weeks of treatment. We made five trips to

New York to save the sight of the other eye, but to no avail. At three years of age, Sammy was blind. Due to a very caring family and friends, Sammy was a very happy little boy. He attended Jericho Hill School for the Blind in Vancouver for a few months and completed his Grade 2 Braille reading. However, the cancer returned in his bones and Sammy passed away on September 11, 1966. Ellery Weller married Karen Fraser and they had two children, Lisa Lynn and Murray Wayne. Ellery worked for Home Oil in Swan Hills for seven years and then moved to Red Earth, still working for the same company. Karen and the children live in Calgary. Debra Ziemmer resides at Deerhorne in Red Deer. Vern Ziemmer passed away in April 1963. Gayle Ziemmer was an epileptic and passed away August 3, 1975, aged eighteen years. Gloria Ziemmer married David Weller, as mentioned above. Brian Ziemmer married Denise Dudenhofer and they have two boys, Lee David and Paul Douglas. Brian and Denise live on a quarter section of land in Manyberries, Alberta. Brian works for Home Oil.

Dan left farming and dairying in 1966 and took a steam fitters course. He has worked for the provincial government with Coal Research for twenty-three years. Acreage living has been good for Dan, as he enjoys raising a few animals, and it was also real good for our children. The grandchildren and friends enjoy our "44" pony and cart rides. Dan still plays ball with the Seniors Slow Pitch in Edmonton. Eleanor enjoys ceramics, crocheting and all kinds of craft work. They hope to retire to B.C., where three of their families already reside.

Edna was born at the farm in Sunnyside. She attended Sunnyside School from Grade 1 to 9, then took Grades 10 and 11 at Bon Accord, living in residence Monday to Friday. Her first full time job in Edmonton was as a seamstress at Great West Garment Company.

Edna married Donald B. Killips of Edmonton on March 26, 1952. They lived in Edmonton for a few years before moving to Stony Plain, Alberta. Edna and Don had three children: Richard Burns, born June 4, 1953; James Lloyd, born March 13, 1955; and Cindy Jean, born June 11, 1957.

Richard married Trina Chorney of Radway and they reside in Stony Plain with their three children: Russell, born October 31, 1977; Rowan, born December 11, 1980; and Rosslyn, born November 10, 1983. Richard is a television technician for RCA.

Jim married Janet Butler and they reside in

Spruce Grove with their two children Caitlyn, born June 11, 1987; and Adam, born February 9, 1989.

Cindy is married to Randal Simonson and has one son, Nicholas, born July 22, 1983. They live on a farm near Millet, Alberta.

Edna now lives in Penticton, B.C.

STORIE, Raymond Earl

submitted by Raymond Earl Storie

I, Raymond Earl, was born on July 14, 1929, at the farm in Sunnyside. I am told that Dad was coaxing an old Essex car over to Aunt Annie and Uncle Tom Bowman's to phone for Dr. Field at the time of my arrival. I spent a lot of time outdoors as a boy; I think it had something to do with teasing my three sisters. One thing I never quite understood was, anytime I was building a stoneboat, all I could find was used nails, but when Dad was building or repairing, out of his pocket came new nails.

I attended Sunnyside School and there are so many memories surrounding those years that they would be a story in themselves. I particularly remember one bitterly cold winter day when we were on our way home with the horse and cutter, up to the usual shenanigans associated with sleigh rides. We were met half way home by Dad, who had come to make sure we were okay. He made everyone sit down and cover up, and it was only then that we realized how cold it was. Our children and grandchildren are always fascinated to hear about school in the "olden days".

After leaving school, I helped with all the usual farm chores at home, and for Grandpa Speer, also occasionally for neighbors such as Elmer Bell. The winter of 1947-1948 my sister, Eleanor, and I lived at the Jeffery farm while Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery, Bob and Harley spent the winter at the west coast. Eleanor did the housekeeping, and I looked after the farm chores and related activities, such as cutting wood, and cutting and storing ice from the Sturgeon River.

In the spring of 1948, I moved into Edmonton and obtained employment with Dominion Bridge Co. I started in the foundry, and then worked for several years on preparing structural steel for a variety of bridges and high rise buildings such as the CN Tower, the University Hospital and a bridge over the Pembina River at Entwistle. I then worked in the machine shop as an apprentice, and obtained my machinist ticket in 1967. Since 1968, I have worked for the provincial government in the highway repair shop.



L-R: Brian, Earl and Bob skiing behind the car.

I married Iris Hannah Paramore on November 14, 1951. Iris came from Sheffield, England, in 1947, and worked in the credit office of T. Eaton Co. before we were married. We have three children: Robert George (Bob), born May 29, 1953; Brian Earl, born February 22, 1956; and Catherine May, born November 3, 1970.

In 1953 we purchased a home in the Sherbrooke district in Edmonton. Bob and Brian attended Sherbrooke Elementary and Junior High Schools and Ross Sheppard High School. During this time, until Dad passed away in 1965 and the farm was sold, we spent a lot of time at the farm. The boys have happy memories of harvest time, also using Grandpa's "scrap lumber" to build a tree house. The winter activity which was much enjoyed was skiing behind the car along the country roads. I remember, as a boy, many times skiing behind the Model "A" sometimes all the way from home to Grandpa and Grandma Speers, a distance of nine miles. In 1967-68, we bought a new truck and camper, and for several years, a lot of weekends and summer holidays were spent visiting various interesting places in Alberta and B.C.

In 1974, we sold our home in Edmonton and purchased 18 acres of raw land in the Partridge Hill district, ten miles southeast of Fort Saskatchewan. We lived in a used mobile home for three years while we prepared a building site and built a house which we live in at the present time.

Bob married Anona Reid on July 24, 1981, and they have three children: Robert Scott (Bobby), born September 22, 1982; Bryce Alan, born June 7, 1988; and Jessica Rae, born December 13, 1989.

Bob operates a Turbo Service Station in Edmonton. Brian married Kelly Mabbot on June 11, 1977, and they have two children, Meghan Kathleen, born June 18, 1983; and Benjamin Earl, born January 24, 1986. Brian works for Northwestern Utilities Limited in the Customer Service Department. Catherine attended Ardrossan Elementary, Junior and Senior High Schools and was active in the band program from Grade 7 to Grade 12, receiving the Bandsman of the Year award in 1988 when she graduated. She also sang in the Edmonton Columbian Choir for nine years. We had many enjoyable times over the years through these involvements. She is presently in her second year of the four year Bachelor of Science Nursing program at the University of Alberta.

Partridge Hill is a very friendly community, and we have enjoyed our involvement with school, community and church activities. I have served on the Board of Stewards at Partridge Hill United Church for 15 years, and Iris is an active member of the United Church Women and also teaches Sunday School. We enjoy many happy times with our family and friends and feel very blessed.

STORIE, Maxine Isabelle

submitted by Maxine McEachern (nee Storie)

Maxine Isabelle attended school at Sunnyside until Grade 8, when the students were bussed to Namao. Maxine's fondest memories of the bus ride to Namao is the roads. In spring it seemed like the kids did more pushing than riding, and she has to wonder if it wouldn't have been easier to walk the seven or eight miles and leave the bus at home! Chubb MacLay was the bus driver for the duration of her school years at Namao.

After attending high school, Maxine went to work in Edmonton for the R.C.M.P. Two years later, in 1954, she married Allen James McEachern and moved to Hay Lakes, Alberta, where Allen was employed as a fuel truck driver for his brother, Jack.

From there they moved to Edmonton, where Allen returned to his bricklaying trade, working on many buildings in the Edmonton area. Allen and Maxine purchased three acres of land south of Sherwood Park and built a house around themselves.

In 1960, Maxine and Allen were in a head-on collision on Highway 16 east of Edmonton. Their many injuries still plague them today, but they will never forget the overwhelming help they received



L-R: Edna, Maxine, Earl and Eleanor Storie.

from their families, friends, relatives, neighbours, and people they didn't even know.

The house and three acres was eventually sold to Maxine's sister, Eleanor. Allen and Maxine built another house in the same area on 20 acres.

In 1967, as a "Centennial Project", Maxine and Allen traded the house in the Sherwood Park area for a farm at Barrhead. Maxine found herself with a new job called "Gopher". With old machinery, she was kept really busy going for parts. It was quite a change, for there was no direct road, no mail delivery, and worst of all, no telephones. They felt like pioneers with a lot to learn; but learn they did and things got a little better every year. The new road was built, Maxine applied for mail delivery and got it, and the phones were installed. This year (1990) the road is to be paved, and the private telephones will be in.

They farmed there until 1983, when their "itching feet" took them to Vancouver Island, where they were in business with Allen's brother, Dick, in Courtenay. They had a retail store, selling and installing ceramic tile and woodstoves.

In 1988 they returned to Barrhead to the farm to be closer to their children and grandchildren. They are presently building a new home and taking it a little easier, farming one quarter of the land.

Allen and Maxine have five children.

Kenneth Allen was born September 12, 1955, in Edmonton. Kenneth married Sue Capuik of Barrhead, and they have one son, Matthew Kenneth, born December 3, 1983. Ken lives in Barr-

head and works at Case International as parts manager.

Douglas Charles was born December 11, 1957 in Edmonton. Doug married Teresa Zapotoski of Sangudo and they have two children, Bobbie-Jo Teresa Ann, born August 27, 1983; and Curtis Douglas, born March 18, 1985. Doug and Teresa live in the Millwoods district of Edmonton. Doug is manager of the Alberta Wheat Pool elevator at Ellerslie.

Jeffrey Earl was born February 2, 1959, in Edmonton. Jeff married Teresa George and they have two children, Cherry Crystal George, born April 13, 1973; and Dennis Allen, born June 13, 1986. Jeff and Terry purchased one half section from Jeff's parents, where they now live. Jeff is employed as a mechanic at Barrhead One Stop.

Sharon Louise was born June 10, 1961, in Edmonton (the same day in the same hospital as Michael J. Fox. She's sure they must have been crib buddies!) Sharon married Wayne Stochinski and they live on a ranch at Barrhead. Sharon and Wayne have two children, Jamie Michell, born December 25, 1987; and Stacey Lynn, March 11, 1990.

Kim Maxine was born February 8, 1972, in Barrhead. Kim is presently attending Lorne Jenkin High School in Barrhead.

STRONG, Clyde

Clyde Strong was born and raised in the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia, joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1949, served in Korea, and came to Namao via Halifax, Toronto, Calgary and Edmonton. Eileen was born in Fredericton, N.B., raised in Kentville and Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, completed Registered Nurses' training at the Infirmary in Halifax, worked in Toronto as a R.N., married, raised four children in Toronto, was widowed in 1970 and after much persuasion, Eileen and youngest son, Joe Roach, joined Clyde in Namao in 1982. After 35 years of no contact, finding Eileen, who almost married Clyde in 1951, in the city of Toronto (over two and a half million people) was quite an experience!

Clyde and Jean Strong with son, David, daughters, Jennifer, Joanne, Beth and Kate moved from South Edmonton to Namao in 1970, and built a new home on the old Riverdale mine site, a mile south of Carbondale, which since has been designated an historical site. Joanne, Beth and Kate all attended Namao School. Jean returned to Edmonton soon thereafter, and Joe Roach joined the above three in Sturgeon Composite

High School. David is now married and living in Sherwood Park. Jennifer is attending University in San Francisco. Joanne is married and living in Kelowna, B.C. Beth is teaching school in Fernie, B.C., and Joe has returned to Toronto and is working for the Toronto Sun. Clyde and Joe are both founding members of the Namao Fire Department.

Kate is married and living in Edmonton.

Before moving to Namao, Clyde was part owner of a general insurance agency in Edmonton, and opened Namao Insurance Service Ltd., in Namao in 1977, operating from the T. & D. Service & Storage Bldg. in Namao, where Eileen joined and worked with him in 1982. The business was sold in 1987 after Clyde suffered a minor stroke and Clyde and Eileen are now semi-retired at their Namao home.

SURANYI, Ted and Deanna T & D SERVICE AND STORAGE LTD.

In 1963, Ted and Deanna were married and bought a home in Carbondale.

In 1965, a larger acreage was offered for sale in Carbondale also, so they sold their small place and bought it, and built their present home there.

They had four children: Roger, born in 1964; Eddie, in 1966; Mike, in 1967; and Nancy, in 1974. All attended Namao School and the Sturgeon Composite High School.

Ted, a licensed mechanic, decided he wanted to start his own business, so in 1973 they built a three bay garage on their acreage and Ted started his own business repairing cars, trucks, school buses, and farm equipment.

Gradually over the years, the business grew and their garage was too small to accommodate it all. They scouted around the Namao area for a piece of land that was more centrally located and able to accommodate a larger building. They approached Larry Paul to see if he would be willing to sell a few acres of his land for this purpose. He was, and in 1980, they constructed their present building next to the Sturgeon Composite High School. They made it large enough that it could take in school buses and large pieces of farm equipment as well. They have since added on an auto body paint and repair shop to their businesses. They currently employ eight people.

From 1982 to 1984 they also housed the Namao Volunteer Fire Department until the department had its own fire hall. Ted was the first Fire Chief with the department and held that position

for four years. Ted, Roger and Mike are still volunteers with the department.

Currently, all three sons are actively involved in the family business, Roger and Mike as mechanics and Eddie as an apprentice bodyman. Nancy attends Sturgeon Composite High School.

In 1988, Roger married Debra Dewald. They have a daughter, Nicole, and live on an acreage in Carbondale. Ed and Mike both live in Edmonton. Mike is engaged to Yvonne Brown and they plan to marry in August, 1990.

SWEETNAM, Sam

by daughter Muriel Hole

It is with some degree of hesitation that I continue the Sweetnam story. Not having my father's "gift of the Blarney", it is difficult to embellish our history as he has done.

I have fond memories of growing up in such a marvellous farming community, and have always been grateful that my parents, and others like them, had the foresight and fortitude to move to a new and challenging environment. We continue to appreciate their good judgement and the sacrifices they made.

There is a great deal of nostalgia in looking back, but one of the highlights was always the turkey supper at Namao and Patricia. They were a wonderful culmination to the harvest season, with most of the ladies and many of the men working like beavers to provide sumptuous repasts, as well as annual reunions for present and past members, and friends of the communities.

Sam Sweetnam had a great philosophy of life, as do most farmers. He enjoyed his life's vocation as well as community involvement, until he passed away in December 1968. He was laid to rest in Evergreen Memorial Gardens. Nellie kept up her interest in the Patricia community and church. She continued to play the organ at the latter until her health deteriorated, and she moved to Rivercrest Lodge in Fort Saskatchewan in 1979. This was next best to living on the farm, as her room overlooked a "postcard view" across the beautiful Saskatchewan River valley to the quaint Lamoureux Church and rolling farm fields. Nellie enjoyed visits with family and friends to keep in touch with events in the community and the world. The celebration of her ninetieth birthday, with all the family, was a highlight of her time at the lodge. She passed on peacefully in her ninety-second year and was buried in the family plot at Evergreen.

Sam and Nellie's oldest son, Alan, and his

wife, Elizabeth, carried on with the family farm and were actively involved in the church and community.

Alan succumbed to a ruptured aneurism in 1974 and passed away at the early age of 48. His final resting place was also the Evergreen Memorial Gardens.

Elizabeth continued to operate the farm with the assistance of their family: Cathi, Donald, Kent, Laurel and Tim, as well as hired help.

The land was sold to the Province of Alberta in 1980, but the family remained in the homes and carried on farming until Donald and Tim, who had chosen this as their vocation, decided to expand their operations. They acquired land near Marwayne, and have enjoyed that farming community since 1981.

Elizabeth leased the farm land, but lived in her home until she married Don Baker in 1986. They are presently living in the Lessard area of Edmonton.

Cathi, after living and working in Edmonton, was happy to move to Sam and Nellie's former home and commute from there.

Don married Shirley Wilson and they keep very busy with their grain farming operation in Marwayne, as well as involvement in activities in the community. They lost an infant son, Donald Alan, but are now the proud parents of a little girl, Laura.

Kent is still living on the home farm and is part owner of a thriving fire prevention business. He was married to Sandy Allen and they have a son, Dylan.

Laurel trained as a psychiatric nurse, and worked for several years at Alberta Hospital, Ponoka. She met her husband, Swen Odlund, at this time and they eventually moved back to join the rest of the Sweetnams on the farm. After the arrival of their children: Shea, twins Desiree and Travis, and Briana, they decided to move into the city to cut down on commuting.

Tim married Karen Doty, and besides being very involved in farming, community and church activities in the Marwayne area, found time to have four children. These are: Jordan, Gillian, and twins, Caitlan and T.J. They decided to try a new venture in farming and have acquired land in the Ponoka area. A llama and a pot-bellied pig are adding variety to this usual mixed farming operation.

Ken, the second son in the Sweetnam family, after working in the Edmonton area, farmed for awhile east of Lacombe, then moved to Grand

Prairie. He and his wife, Eileen, have owned the Swan Motel in this city since 1967. The ups and downs of this industry have led to many colourful stories. Ken and Eileen have two sons, Gordon and Darrell, and a daughter, Maureen.

Gordon took advantage of his musical expertise acquired through his involvement in bands, to operate the G.P. Music Store in Grande Prairie until 1989. He must have inherited his grandfather's love for the land, since, after marrying Andrea Biggs, he was lured into ranching in the Coronation area. He has two sons, Lonnie and Shaun, as well as a small daughter, Danielle.

Maureen has been working in Edmonton most of the time since graduation from high school. She married Doug Bliss, and they have two sons, Bobby and David. The move to an acreage east of St. Albert, overlooking the picturesque Sturgeon River valley, has also brought them back to the farming area.

Darrell, after several years in the medical electronic field as a cat scan technician in Calgary, was unable to resist the call of music in the north. He returned to Grande Prairie with his wife, Rene (Piggott). He has taken over the G.P. Music Store from Gordon, and goes home to the "music" of little daughter Molly's noises in the evenings.

Nellie and Sam's youngest son, Vic, being involved in the oil industry, moved with his wife, Joyce, from Regina, and raised their family in Calgary. They followed the Sweetnam pattern with a daughter and three sons: Garth, Shari, Greg and Gary. Having all these boys, Vic was drawn into coaching hockey, baseball and soccer, both boys and girls teams. He has kept this up until recently, claiming to be just a kid at heart.

Garth graduated in Dentistry from the University of Toronto. He married one of his classmates, Alice Jackes, and they have started their own dental practise in Schreiber, Ontario.

Greg was married to Pamela Montgomery and they have a daughter, Jill. He has worked at the Co-op in Calgary since high school days.

Shari still makes Calgary her home and has worked since graduating as a technician for Esso Resources.

Gary is back in his home city after spending a year in Kempten, West Germany, where he played hockey. Prior to this, he attended Ferris State College in Minnesota, on a hockey scholarship.

Harry and Muriel have lived in the Highlands district of Edmonton. This is relatively close to the farm, and also to one of Harry's pet extracurricular activities, the Edmonton Exhibition As-

sociation, or Northlands, as it is currently named. This has enhanced our connections with the farming community, and renewed associations with families such as Pauls, Wilsons and others who have also been involved with the Ex. Harry has been with Lockerbie and Hole, a pioneer family mechanical contracting firm. This has enabled him to participate in the excitement and development of Edmonton during the boom years.

Four daughters in this generation have helped to lend balance to the seven Hole sons in the preceding one.

Elaine acquired a Bachelor of Science in nursing at the University of Alberta, then introduced a Danish flavour to the family when she married Bjarne Pedersen. They have twins, Lauren and Taylor. Mary received her Bachelor of Science in nursing at the University of Western Ontario. She returned to work for the Board of Health in Edmonton, where she married John Robbins, a teacher. Their twins are Marc and Sean.

Janice graduated in Commerce at University of Alberta, became a chartered accountant, and married an Edmonton developer, David Kent. Son Robert has expanded their family and horizons.

Karen graduated in Occupational Therapy at University of Alberta and is working at the MacKenzie Health Sciences Centre. Her marriage to Doug Cox, who works for an Edmonton development company, completes the latest episode in the family history.

We feel honoured to be included in updating the history of an area whose people have had a significant influence on establishing a firm Canadian way of life, as well as improving agricultural standards and production. The past three decades with their exciting developments, giving us a standard of living beyond the expectations of most of our forefathers, are in large measure the result of their hard work and great faith.

Although Cathi and Kent are the only Sweetnams now on the farm, the area of the "Cameo of the West" will always be home in our hearts.

THOMPSON, Roy Cyril

My grandparents, Alex and Agnes Thompson, came to Canada in 1894, when my father was twelve years of age. They settled on a homestead in the Bellerose district with their family. Then my father, Joseph Thompson, when he was old enough, bought a farm across the road. He built a house and got married to Dora Chadderton in 1914. She had come to Canada from Manchester, England, in 1909. My dad lived there until his



Roy and Monica Thompson.

death in 1960. My mother lived on and off the farm until her death in 1981. My brothers, Earl, Jim and Joe, along with my sisters, Barbara, Joyce, May, Lois, Irene, and me, all got our education at the Bellerose School.

I married Monica Thompson, daughter of James and Emily Cassidy, and had a house on my parents' farm. We lived there and raised our family of seven: Mavis, Gwen, Howard, Jo Ann, Richard, Linda and Colette on this farm. All our children got most of their education at the Namao School. The school bus started that year with Bud Crozier at the wheel.

Mavis went through for a teacher. She married Robert Dagnault of Morinville in 1965. They have two sons, Rene and Gordon, and one daughter, Lori. They operate the IGA in Falher. Gwen married Richard Riopel of Morinville in 1964. They have two sons, Stephan and Mack. They have been in the electrical business for years. Gwen is selling real estate at the present time. Howard married Suzanne Schroffle of Edmonton in 1967. They have two sons, Jim and Roy, two daughters, Peggy and Mary Lou. They are into farming, ranching and operating their own rodeo stock in Tomahawk. Jo Anne married Raymond Gagnon of St. Albert in 1967. They have four daughters: Angela, Michelle, Danielle and Andrea. They have their own trucking operation for moving oil drilling outfits all over Alberta.

Richard married Donna Hucalak from Ed-

monton in 1970. They have three daughters: Tracy, Niki and Lona; and one son, Travis. They moved from the Thompson farm on 127 Street in 1975 and into the Newbrook district to another farm there. Richard passed away in 1979, and their daughter, Niki, in 1984.

Linda married James Dube from Montreal in 1970. They had one son, James, and one daughter, Monique. After Jim passed away, Linda married Aruther Schritt in 1982, and they have two children, Megan and Jordan. They live in Camrose. Aruther is in the oil business. Colette was still going to school when we moved to a farm in the Newbrook area in 1975, and finished her education at the Thorhild High School. She married Terry Marko of Newbrook in 1980. They have two sons, Michael and Andrew; and one daughter, Nadine. Terry works in the oil field, and Colette has a dress shop in Thorhild.

My father, Joseph, died in 1960, my mother, in 1981, my sister, Barbara, in 1965, and Lois, on December 31, 1989. We are still on the farm, but pretty well retired. I retired from the main Post Office in Edmonton in 1978.

Snap was taken a year before our fiftieth anniversary in January of 1990. We have both loved the farm and never really thought of leaving it.

THOMSON, Murray and Barbara

by Barbara Thomson

Barbara Colleen (Akerman) Thomson was born March 1, 1959, and lived on the farm at Namao with her parents, Janet (Harrold) and Gordon Akerman, and one older brother, Bill. Barbara attended school at Namao, Grades 1 through 9, senior high at M.E. LaZerte in Edmonton, and returned to Namao to be a member of the first graduating class of Sturgeon Composite High School in 1978. That same year she was employed with Orlick Distributing Ltd.

On April 12, 1986, Barbara married Murray Scott Thomson in Namao United Church, the same church where her parents had been married. After living in an apartment in the west end of Edmonton for three years, Barbara was anxious and excited about moving back to Namao. On May 26, 1986, Barbara and Murray dug the basement for their new home and construction began immediately. With the help of family and friends they did any of the work they could themselves. It was a very wet July and August, but they finally moved in October 28. It snowed all that day and all night. Their home is one mile south of the family farm



Akerman Family, December, 1987. Back Row: Linda and Bill Akerman. Barbara and Murray Thomson, Billy Jr., Gordon, Janet and Loni Akerman.

and was the original homestead of William Nicolson, who was a brother of Janet's grandmother. The land was next owned by William Harrold and purchased by Colin and Gordon Akerman on May 4, 1944.

Murray, son of Raymond and Erna (Lutz)



Mr. and Mrs. Murray Thomson, April 12, 1986.

Thomson, was born August 22, 1959, and raised in the Lendrum area of south Edmonton. Murray was very active in hockey, hardball, volleyball and many other sports. In 1977, he graduated from Harry Ainley High School. Murray has one older brother, Gary, who lives in Devon with his wife, MaryAnne, and two children, Claire, 14, and Christopher, 13; one older sister, Brenda Freeman, who lives in Barrhead with her husband, Greg, and two children, Stephanie, 9 and Michael, 6; and one younger brother, Craig, who lives with his parents, now residing in the Blue Quill area of Edmonton. Murray is employed with Prime Fasteners Ltd. in the west end. Barbara's brother, Bill, lives in Millwoods with his wife, Linda, and their two children, Bill, 7 and Loni, 5.



Back Row, L-R: Murray Thomson, Barbara Thomson, Ray Thomson, Edna Thomson, Claire Thomson, Brenda Freeman, Gary Thomson, Maryanne Thomson, Greg Freeman. Front Row: Stephanie Freeman, Teresa Lutz, Adam Lutz, Michael Freeman, Christopher Thomson. Grandma and Grandpa Lutz, 60th Wedding Anniversary, October 1, 1989.

After working for Orlick Distributing Ltd. for twelve years, the company ceased operations. Barbara is now employed with GraMax Transportation Services Ltd. in the west end. Murray is a member of the Namao Sail Cats Hockey team. He is president of the Sturgeon Ladies' Fastball League, and coach of the Sturgeon Valley Steelers fastball team, of which Barbara is a player. Murray and Barbara look forward to weekends at the lake; waterskiing, knee boarding, and enjoying the outdoors with family and friends.

TYMO, Rudy and Ruby

Rudy and Ruby Tymo moved from Edmonton to North Point in September 1964, with their four children: Julie-Ann, 15 years; Wayne, 11 years; Gary, 10 years; Marlene, 8 years. We were the first ones to move into North Point.

Rudy was employed with Canada Post. In



Tymo Family — Rudy and Ruby. L-R: Marlene, Gary, Wayne, Julie-Ann, Rudy and Ruby.

1969, he left Canada Post and went to work for Industrial Road. In 1970, he went with Vulcan Machinery until he retired in 1988.

Our children attended school at Namao. Julie-Ann graduated from Victoria Composite High School in Edmonton. Wayne, Gary, and Marlene graduated from M. E. LaZerte High School in Edmonton.

Julie-Ann was active in 4-H and baseball, Marlene was in CGIT and baseball. Wayne and Gary played hockey and were in the boys' club.

Julie-Ann graduated from NAIT as a Lab Technologist. In 1969, she married Evan Miller of Namao. They have two boys, Jason, 17 years, is attending Sturgeon Composite High School; and Kelsey, 12 years, is at Junior High at Namao. Evan was a teacher at Namao Junior High School for nine years. He now is Principal of Landing Trail School in Gibbons. Julie-Ann has worked for Dr. T. A. Kasper and Association for the past 12 years. In 1989 she was promoted to Salillet Co-ordinator. They reside at Cardiff Echos.

Wayne received his welding ticket from NAIT. In 1972, he married Gwen Eastland of Horse Hill. They have two boys, Matthew, 17 years; Aaron, 14 years; and one girl, Heather, 16 years. Gwen passed away in 1986. Since then, Wayne has remarried to Dori Davidow of Winnipeg, Manitoba. Dori has been a group home supervisor for emotionally disturbed youth for six years. Wayne is in sales and service of overhead doors with BATE Industrial Services. They reside in St. Albert.

Gary received his Degree in Electronics from

NAIT. In 1982, he married Barbara Schultz of Edmonton. Gary is working for Canada Post. They have one daughter, Ashely, one year old. They reside in Edmonton.

Marlene took a child development course at Grant MacEwan College and graduated. In 1979, she married Wayne Melnyck of Edmonton. They have three boys: Jesse, eight and half years; Kyle, four and a half years; Cody, 21 months. Marlene has been an Edmonton Transit Bus driver for 14 years. Wayne has his Degree in Horticulture and on his third year of education. They reside at Hubbles Lake, Stony Plain.

In 1970, Ruby and Lucie Diprose were CGIT leaders. The girls were pleasant to work with. We did many things, went on nature walks, picnics, and sold candies to raise money. We went to Charles Camshell Hospital to sing for the children, had potluck dinners (which were home baked beans, weiners and hot buns) for the girls and parents, and had the boys' club join in for a hot dinner. We also took the girls on an overnight campout, helped at the skating parties and hockey games and did many more things. We enjoyed working with the girls and for CGIT.

Rudy is enjoying his retirement, just working around the yard.

North Point is a nice place to live; everyone here has made it that way. We have enjoyed living here for the past 26 years. We have nine grandchildren and they love coming on the weekends.

USSYK, Walter and Ann

Walter Ussyk and Ann Shelwika were born in Western Ukraine in 1922, and were raised in villages about 90 kilometres apart. They both came from a farming background.

In 1942, during the Second World War, they were taken from their homes by the Germans for forced labour in Germany, Walter in a steel plant, Ann in a drycleaning plant. They met during this time and were married in 1945.

In 1946, they made their way to England from Germany. They lived in England for three and a half years, working in a textile factory while they waited to emigrate.

At the end of 1948, they immigrated to Canada, travelling by sea to Halifax, then by train on to Edmonton, Alberta. They arrived in Edmonton on New Year's Day 1949. They brought with them their hopes for the future, their work ethic, and infant twins.

Walter spent the first four months working in

the bush, cutting timber, to pay for their room and board. By October of 1949, they were able to buy a small piece of land on the edge of the city of Edmonton, and built a small (single garage size) two-room house. They kept a cow, a couple of pigs, a few chickens and a large garden. Their “modern conveniences” consisted of a well in the yard, and a one-holer out behind the cow shed. Walter started work in construction.

In 1953, a second son was born, and the family moved to a house they built in a more central city location. During the next ten years, another daughter and another son were added to the family, and they moved residence again, still within the city. Walter continued his work as a carpenter and builder; Ann continued her career as a household engineer, and also worked outside the home.

In 1968, they moved to the house they built on the farm they had bought in the Namao area. They continued to work in the city, Walter still in construction, Ann as a pastry cook and catering assistant, and in their “spare time” planted hundreds of trees on their farm, landscaped their home grounds and put in a large garden every year.

In 1984 Walter retired, after 37 years in the construction industry.

Their children are now grown and married, and the family consists of: Stephen, his wife, Gail, and their two children; Stephanie and her husband Dan; Garry, his wife, Dianne, and their two children; Vera, her husband, Barry, and their four chil-



First Row, L-R: Nadia Ussyk, Walter Ussyk, Timothy Basaraba, Ann Ussyk, Gregory Basaraba. Second Row: Joanne Ussyk, Dan Ussyk, Gail Ussyk, Steve Ussyk, Diana Ussyk, Gary Ussyk, Vera Basaraba, Barry Basaraba, Stephanie Ussyk-Fackre, Dan Fackre.

dren; Danny, his wife, Joanne, and their two children. Walter says, “It used to be, when they were invited to a wedding, they shared a table with other people; now they need two tables just to hold the family”.

Walter has two brothers still in the Old Country, one in the Ukraine and one in Poland. He also has two sisters living in Edmonton. Ann has one sister still in the Ukraine.

Today, Walter and Ann continue to put in a full day. Walter has a small apple orchard of trees he has grafted, keeps six hives of bees and harvests his own honey. Ann, whom Walter describes as “a good cook, a good mother . . .” runs what amounts to a daycare for many of their grandchildren. They also plant and maintain a good-sized garden each year.

Today, they have a lovely large family and a comfortable home in a beautiful setting, with lots of open space and room for the grandchildren to play. When someone recently exclaimed how lucky they were to have all this, their response was, “Luck had nothing to do with it.”

VACULCHIK, John and Jean

John was born in the Morinville district in the year of 1933. He was born the second youngest of a family of six children. He had one brother, Bill, and four sisters: Kay, Mary, Rose and Mae.

John’s family lived in the Excelsior area from 1933-1944, at which time his parents, George and Anna Vaculchik, moved the family to Carbondale. They lived there only one year, and then moved back to the Excelsior area where John still lives. John’s schooling was also in these same areas, completing his schooling at Namao.



Ussyk, Walter and Ann.



Back Row, L-R: Terry and John Vaculchik. Front Row, L-R: Myrna, Ellen and Jean Vaculchik.

In 1958, John married Jean Danake of Bon Accord. Jean is the youngest daughter of Rose and Mike. Jean has two brothers and one sister: John, Stan and Mary.

John's father passed away in May of 1983, and his mother passed away in May of 1985.

Together, John and Jean have raised two children. A son, Terry, born in 1962, went to school at Namao. He continued his education in Edmonton in the field of telecommunications. Terry is currently employed with Trans Alta Utilities in Sherwood Park as a communications technician. Terry married Ellen Pedersen in 1987, and they reside on a farm in the Excelsior area.

Daughter Myrna was born in 1962. Her schooling was also at Namao. Myrna lives in Edmonton. She is currently employed with the Sturgeon Health Unit in St. Albert, specializing in Business Administration.

John and Jean are presently residing on the home quarter. They are farming, with the help of their children.

VACULCHIK, William (Bill) and Laurette

Bill Vaculchik was born in 1929, the third of six children, to George and Anna Vaculchik. Until 1943, Bill and his family lived on the farm in Excelsior district, where he was born. During this time, Bill attended Excelsior School, a one room school house for Grades 1 to 9.

In 1943, the Vaculchiks moved to a farm in

Carbondale. They lived there for one year, until a series of surface slumps, due to subsidence of underground coal workings, convinced Mr. Vaculchik to sell this land. The family then moved to a farm in the Namao district. Bill completed his schooling at Carbondale and Namao.

After leaving school, Bill completed courses in auto-mechanics and welding. He then worked in a garage as a mechanic for several years, after which he entered the construction industry as a steel worker.

In 1958, Bill married Laurette Riopel. Laurette was born in Turner Valley in 1939, the second of six children, to Arsene and Marcelle Riopel. In 1944, the Riopel family moved to Morinville, where Laurette was raised and educated.

After their marriage, Bill and Laurette lived in Edmonton until 1961, when they purchased the John Samis farm north of Namao. They have lived on this property ever since.

Bill and Laurette have two children, Doug, born in 1959; and Wendy, born in 1961.



Laurette and Bill Vaculchik, October 15, 1986.

VACULCHIK, Doug

Doug attended primary school at Namao, and high school at M. E. LaZerte Composite High School in Edmonton. His post-secondary studies include completion of the Resource Engineering Technology Program at NAIT, and a B.Sc. Degree in Geo-Information Processing and Mapping from the University of Alberta.

While a teenager, Doug held jobs in the construction industry, working as a carpenter and a rodman. Upon completion of his studies at NAIT, he then worked for four years for Luscar Coal Ltd. as a geotechnical engineer. He spent two of these years working out of the Edmonton head office, serving any of Luscar's six coal mines in western

Canada. The other two years were spent working at Luscar's Coal Valley Mine, fifty miles southwest of Edson.

In 1985, Doug moved back to Edmonton from Edson, and married Kelly Guest. He then completed his university degree and began working in



Doug and Kelly Vaculchik and daughter Dana, 1990.

the field of geo-information processing, as a Computer Programmer/Analyst. Kelly and Doug have a daughter, Dana, born in 1989. They live in the Northmount community in north Edmonton.

VACULCHIK, (HAMM) Wendy

Born in Edmonton in 1961, Wendy grew up in Namao and attended Namao Elementary and



Wendy (Vaculchik) and Gord Hamm. Son Ross and daughter Michele, 1990.

Junior High School. She received her high school education at M. E. LaZerte High School.

While working in the production planning department at Cessco Fabrication and Engineering, she met her husband-to-be, Gord. They were married in 1981.

Wendy and Gord have a daughter, Michele, born in 1983; and a son, Ross, born in 1984. They reside in the Evansdale district of north Edmonton, where they are very active in community activities.

VATH, Ken and Joyce

by Joyce Vath

I was born a Valentine baby on my parents' farm at Birtle, Manitoba. This district is approximately 200 miles northwest of Winnipeg, during a week of a typical Manitoba blizzard. Hours later, the doctor arrived to the farm in a snow bomber to take Mom and me back to the hospital. Therefore, I had my first ride. I am one of three girls and twin boys in my family. Ken is a Christmas baby, born in Lethbridge, Alberta. He is one of six boys and three girls in his family.

I, my sisters and brothers worked hard on our farm, doing household and farm chores with no electricity for a long time, and no running water didn't help matters, but then, what kid wants to work. We kids went to a one-room country school. Our means of transportation was either by one or two horses hitched to buggy or sleigh. Later on, I went to two different little town schools. In the meantime, Ken was going to school in Lethbridge city, and doing little jobs around town or in the sugar beet fields at an early age, to earn money so as to treat himself to black jawbreakers, licorice pipes and the odd pair of bib-overalls.

On finishing my education in the Birtle district, I moved on to Winnipeg to attend a secretarial college. Such a large city and all of those bright flashing neon signs and lights! Wow! Ken had to continue his education in the Sunnybrook, Alberta district, where the family moved to live on his grandparents' farm in the spring of 1952. Once again the Vaths were on the move. This time the family moved to the Namao district in 1954. Ken, his brothers and sisters attended school in Namao, where Ken finished his education. From the Sturgeon District, Dad Vath moved his family back to Sunnybrook, only this time Ken moved to Edmonton. In 1960, Ken began to work, and shortly after began his apprenticeship at NAIT in the sheet metal trade. He apprenticed through J. K.

Campbell & Assoc., where he worked for the following 23 years.

I had been working in Winnipeg, but as the saying goes, go west young man, only this time it was, go west young lady. In the fall of 1960, I moved to Calgary. What a cowboy city I found Calgary to be, compared to Winnipeg! Ken and I met in 1961 in Calgary, on a very blind date. In 1962, I moved to Edmonton pursuing my career as a secretary. We married in 1964, the year that Ken completed his apprenticeship.

As our family started to arrive, Alanna in May, 1966 and Deanna in June, 1968, our home in the city was getting a little crowded, so it was time for us to move on. Ken came back to the Namao district, this time with a wife and two daughters, to build us a home on an acreage in 1973. Alanna was in Grade 2 and Deanna in kindergarten that fall. Mr. B. Tanasiuk was the principal of the Namao school when Ken attended school there. On knowing the girls' last name, he immediately told our girls he had taught their dad years earlier. They thought that was real neat.

In 1978, the first year the Sturgeon Composite High School opened, I worked as a part-time teacher aid and part administration. This was quite an experience for me, as the high schools I had attended didn't even have a gym, never mind being a composite school. Ken and I became very

active in various areas of the community league. I spent many years as a 4-H leader assistant and instructor in the multi-club. Ken helped organize, create and became a member of the Namao Fire Department, in which he still is a fireman today.

The girls were active in school activities such as sports, committees, band and drama. On completing high school, Alanna attended two years at Grant MacEwan Community College, taking a legal secretary course, and is working today. She continues to take different courses in order to expand her career in various areas. Deanna, at the present, is at the University of Alberta taking her 4th year studying towards her B. of A. in Recreation Administration. Ken is still a sheet metal mechanic. In June, 1989, we celebrated our silver wedding anniversary with both sides of our immediate families and some friends. I'm sure we'll still be living on our acreage and enjoying our community of Namao for a while yet.

VEZINA, Hormidas and Alphonsine

Mr. Hormidas Vezina was born in 1856 at L'Assomption, Quebec. He arrived in Alberta well before 1900, and eventually settled in North Edmonton in the Horse Hill area. It is believed he left Quebec before 1885, and made his way to Winnipeg. From Winnipeg it took him six months to reach Edmonton with a team of oxen. Mr. Vezina married Alphonsine Godard, born in 1871. She was from St. Jerome, Quebec.

They first lived in a log house and later built a large brick house, which took three years to complete. This house is now the residence of the Bock family nearby the Alberta Hospital on Fort Road. The foundation is three feet wide made of solid rock. The house had seventeen rooms. Much later, electricity was put in throughout the house, yard and other buildings.



Ken and Joyce Vath, 25th Wedding Anniversary, June 27th, 1989. Back Row, L-R: Joyce and Ken Vath. Front Row: Deanna and Alana.

Mr. H. Vezina





Alphonsine and Romeo Vezina.

They had eight children, but five of them died of diphtheria and influenza when still very young. Two children died within six hours of each other. The surviving children were Alice, (Mrs. Aime Trudeau), Rene, (married Alma Boisjoli) and Romeo, the youngest, (married Agnes Boisvert).

Mr. Vezina and Mr. Privee were responsible for the start of the Edmonton City Dairy. He made many trips back to Eastern Canada to get better stock, both for the dairy and for his own farming operation.

He also worked with the Northwest Mounted Police as chef. One of his tasks was to oversee the banquet given for Lord Strathcona, when the area of Strathcona was officially given his name, at the time when the railroad reached the south side, now known as the Strathcona County. Apparently the meal was very successful, and Lord Strathcona called upon Mr. Vezina to compliment him personally.

Mr. Vezina knew Bishop Grandin well, and would sometimes accompany him on his journeys.

Mr. and Mrs. Rene Vezina lived in the home place until 1950 when they sold to the Bocock family and moved to Norwood.

Mr. Vezina died in 1926, at the age of seventy. Mrs. Vezina later remarried Mr. Josephat Tailleur

of Morinville. She died in 1944, at the age of seventy-two.

WALES, Harry

by Ruby Gibson and Gladys McLay

Fred Wales of Manchester, England, Harry's dad, came to Canada early in 1914. When the war (1914-18) broke out, he went back to England and joined the English Army. In 1917, when Harry was seven years old, his mother, two brothers and one sister came to Edmonton, Canada. It took two weeks for the ship to land in Canada. They lived in Jasper Place. In the early part of 1918, Harry's dad came home, and he lived to be 92 years of age. Harry's mother passed away in 1919. At the age of fourteen, Harry decided to go on his own. He worked for farmers in the Horse Hill district. In 1925 he worked for Chub (Alex) McLay, breaking and brushing some land. He worked for different families in Namao. He said he drove the tractor for Fred McLay's first power binder. He started working for different mines in the district. In 1936, he started at the Penn Mine in Carbondale. When the mine closed in 1944, he started work for Starkey Mine. Every morning before sunrise Harry would whistle for his dog, and would set off for the mine for another day at a job most men would think worse than solitary confinement. He can remember the days when he worked a coal seam, lying on his side in the blackness, hacking at a cut no higher than the length of his pick handle. Time came when things became automatic. Nobody was allowed in the mine until Harry inspected it. Fire boss, Harry is a second generation miner. His father worked in the mines before coming to Canada. "I've never had any regrets working in the mines when it was really tough, but I've seen the fellows in jobs that I wouldn't want", said Harry.



Harry Wales with the big turnip taken in 1977.



Harry Wales, First Stanley Cup for the Oilers, taken with Kevin Lowe in the year 1984.

He looked after horses that were stationed down in the mine. He left school when he was in Grade 7. He seemed to get ahead when he finished at the mine. He had his fire boss certificate and was a mine inspector. He lived in a house not far from the mine, from 1946 until it was sold. He loved gardening. His picture was in the paper with a beet that measured 19 inches around and was 10 inches long without a tail. He left for Spruce Grove to look after some race horses, along with some of his own. He says he got short changed along the way. He came to Morinville Lodge, stayed until he got sick and was taken to the hospital. He is now in the St. Albert Youville Nursing Home at the age of 83 years (1990). In 1989, at Christmas time, he went to Michigan, to see his sister who is 86 years of age, all by himself. Harry lives hockey. When the Oilers won their first Stanley Cup, he had his picture taken with the cup and Kevin Lowe. He was a Santa Claus for a Christmas party. He enjoys his days at the Home, and especially the nurses.

WIENS, Don and Helen

Don and Helen Wiens, with their children,

Gordon and Sandra, moved to the Namao district from Edmonton in 1970. They built a home in Upper Viscount Estates and lived there until 1975, when they built a new home in Lower Viscount Estates. They are residing there at the present time. Don was one of the founders of the Sturgeon Valley Community League. He helped in the construction of the Community Hall in Upper Viscount Estates, and became the first president of the Community League in 1972.

WILLIAMS, Jack L. R.

Since a number of years, Weiller and Williams Co. Ltd. has owned and occupied the "Rye Place" in Namao. The property was bought from Lawrence Rye in the fall of 1971 by Lee Williams, for Weiller and Williams Co. Ltd. Most of the present houses and buildings were moved some 25 kilometers from the company's feed lot at 50 St., near the Edmonton Stockyards, to the Rye Place at Namao. After resettling of the buildings and erection of many miles of fences, livestock feeding and cow-calf operations were conducted. For a number of years, Ollie MacDonald was the foreman/manager of the ranch. Following his retirement, Dick Armstrong ran the place for a few years. Lee Williams died at the age of ninety in 1982, and the Company was inherited by his son, Jack. Jack Williams was born and educated in Edmonton, and not totally a stranger to the cattle business. After Lee's death, Jack returned to Edmonton and eventually moved to the Rye Place in 1987, where he now lives. The cattle operations were shut down in 1986. The Rye properties have been under lease to Lockie Christie, and the Henshall farm six kilometers to the north is leased by Chris Carruthers.

The above would lead you to believe that the Williams Clan is new to Namao. Not so! Marion Williams, born Marion Peacock, and wife of Lee Williams, immigrated to Canada many years before from Blackburn in England, when the Peacock family set themselves down in Namao. How so?

Northwesterly from the Weiller and Williams Co. Ltd. buildings in Namao, diagonally across the Sturgeon River, lies the Craig Farm. It was to this farm that Joseph Peacock, his wife, Jane, his son, Joseph, and his daughter, Marion, moved within the first years of the twentieth century.

The Peacock family had lived in Blackburn, Lancastershire, in England, where Joe, the father, had been employed in one of the infamous cot-

ton mills as a bookkeeper. As did many people of that era, Joseph Peacock longed for new life and opportunity in Canada. The Craig family had earlier immigrated to Canada and, by letter, it was agreed that Joseph Peacock and family would learn the farming business by settling-in with the Craig family. On the appointed day, the Peacocks arrived at the Edmonton railway station, expecting to be met by someone from the Craig Place. Nobody was there to meet them. Their last letter bearing arrival time and date probably had never arrived. Nobody!! No telephone, of course. What to do . . .? WALK! So Joe and Jane left their goods at the station and started out with kids in hand to walk to Namao, the address of the Craigs! Marion remembered the walk she made at age four, until her death. All ended well, and the next day they went with a team to pick up the baggage in Edmonton.

Joseph Peacock never really took to farming, and turned back to his old trade of bookkeeping. Eventually, he held a very good managerial position at Revillons in Edmonton, and accumulated savings such that his wife, Jane, lived comfortably in Victoria, B.C., until her death. He was killed by a motorcycle while walking, during a trip to his birthplace, Blackburn. Joseph Jr. eventually became owner of the Peacock Drug company in Edmonton, a firm which he later sold to the National Drug Company. Marion became a legal secretary, and then married Lee Williams.

Marion and Lee Williams had only one offspring, Jack, who completed the cycle. After working for thirty years at Kodak in Rochester, New York, Jack returned to Alberta and to Namao.

WILSON, Andrew David and Maria (Mary)

Andrew David was the second son of David "B", who was born in Ireland in 1845, and Jeanette Douglas, born in Paisley, Scotland in 1837. David "B" (B for black) was referred to in this way to distinguish him from a David Wilson who lived near, but had red hair.

Andrew was born in Wellesley Township, Waterloo County, Ontario, and came west with his parents and the rest of the family in 1883.

In 1893 he married Maria (Mary) Gibson, a daughter of James and Catherine (Carrie) Gibson, nee Fawcett. Mrs. Gibson's parents were born in Ireland and were noted for their longevity; John Fawcett, her father, lived to the age of 106 years, and her mother to 96 years.

Andrew and his wife, Mary, lived on his

homestead and preemption, which was the east ½ of 10-55-24-W4, just east of his father's homestead.

They had three children: Lila Ellen (Nellie), Gordon Ira and David Andrew.

Nellie Wilson married John Herbert Wear, who came to Canada from Bradford, Yorkshire, England, in 1906, aged 21 years. Following marriage in 1916, they took up residence in Edmonton, where John resumed the sign writing trade he had learned in England. John died in October 1960, aged 75 years; Nellie died in March 1978, aged 84. They had three children: John David, Mary Lila and Ruth Elizabeth.

John David brought a bride, Hetty Hage, home with him from Holland after World War II service overseas in Europe. They were married in December 1945, and have three children: Eileen Margaret, John Howard and Brian Keith.

Eileen married Wolfgang Kraemer (now deceased) and has one daughter, Caroline Lisa. Eileen is now married to Arthur Bresnahan. John H. married Lorraine (Laurie) Olineck and they have three sons: David Michael, Ronald Brian and Trevor John. Brian married Susan Schultz. Currently, all live in Edmonton.

Mary Lila, now Mrs. Sidney Parsons, also had three children: Sidney Keith (deceased), Mary Lynne and Douglas John.

M. Lynne married Gaetan Paradis and they have two children, Robert G. and Jennifer Lynne. Douglas J. married Sharon Charney and they have two sons, Scott Douglas and Christopher Sidney. All live in Edmonton.

Ruth Elizabeth married John David Burgess and they have three children: Randolph Frederick, Thomas John and Carol Ann.

Randolph (Randy) married Deborah Kleaman and they have two sons, Shane Michael and Rio Jordan. Thomas (Tom) married Brenda Byman and they have two children, Cheryl-Lee and Aaron Scott.

Gordon Ira (second child of Andrew and Mary Wilson) married Loya May Davis, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Howard Davis of Bon Accord. They had two children, Howard Andrew and Doris Margaret. Loya died in 1963, aged 60. Later Gordon married a widow, Dora McCue Jackman. Both are now deceased.

Howard married Maxine E. Bushell. They have one daughter, Eleanor June. Howard died in 1954, aged 30 years. Eleanor is married and has one son, Jason. Both she and her widowed mother, Maxine, live in Victoria, B.C.

Doris Margaret married Dennis H. Pearce and they have three children: Gregory D., Valerie L. and Loretta D. Doris Margaret predeceased her father, Gordon Wilson.

David Andrew Wilson, third child of Andrew and Mary, married Ethel Knight of Sunnyside in 1925. Both are now deceased. They had three children: Velma Eleanor, Vada Eileen and Allan. All live in southern Alberta.

Andrew and Mary Wilson moved to Edmonton for three or four years, giving children Nellie and Gordon the opportunity to be among the first students enrolled at the newly opened Norwood Public School in 1908. They returned to the farm for many more years before eventually retiring to the city until their deaths.

It would not be fair to conclude this family history without reference to John Herbert Wear. Born in 1885, he emigrated from England in 1906, and faced one of the cruelest winters recorded (1906-07), housed in a tent on his homestead. For a six week period, he depended on wild game when the bad weather prevented him from getting out for more food supplies. Ironically, he came out to farm, but his bride, Nellie Wilson, favored city life. As a result, he traded his homestead for a city home, where he lived from 1916 until his death in 1960, during which time he established a respected sign writing business in Edmonton.

WILSON, Mary

by M. C. Wilson

It was on a cold January day in 1902 that I was born on a farm in the Namao district, the only daughter of John Thomas Flynn and Anne Kavanaugh, who were both pioneers to Alberta. John came in 1888, and Anne in 1893. My mother married a widower with 10 living children. John's wife Bridget, died in 1897, giving birth to her thirteenth child, so a baby in the Flynn household was no novelty. I received my education at the Rose Ridge School, which was approximately two miles from my home on the S.W. ¼ 6-55-24 W4, the land my father homesteaded in 1888.

While I wanted to continue my education, the nearest high school was at St. Albert. There was no way I could drive those seven miles twice a day, tend to sixty or seventy head of cattle and horses, milk cows twice a day, etc. Even at Rose Ridge it left little time for studies at home. Many a day I sat on a gang plow driving a six-horse team. What took a week to do then, the modern farmer today would accomplish in a few hours. The laundry was

done on a wash board in a tub of water and hung to dry on an outdoor clothesline. We baked our bread and churned butter. I wonder today, with one pair of hands, how I managed to feed a threshing crew of 10 or 12 men, up at 5 a.m., breakfast at 6 a.m., and the breakfast was not just a bowl of cereal, a banana and coffee as I have today. There were dishes to wash, pies and a roast in the oven for dinner, lunches to be made and sent to the field both morning and afternoon, along with the score of the world series baseball game, which was quite often played at threshing time. They say hard work never killed anyone and I'm here today to prove that saying, though I am a bit worse for wear!

My father was one of the first in the neighbourhood to buy a car, though he never did learn to drive it. It was a Studebaker, four cylinder, seven-passenger touring car. The extra seats faced each other between the regular seats, and when not in use, they folded and slid under the back seat. The top was raised or lowered according to the weather. At 16, I was elected chauffeur. The trouble was the car only went where Dad wanted to go. It was back to the horse and buggy for Jim and me when we went to dances. One night, or should I say morning, because the dances never ended until two or three o'clock, we both fell asleep coming home. We awakened to find our pony stopped at a neighbour's gate. Guess she thought she had gone far enough.

Mary Bell invited Annie Aherne, who lived with her aunt and uncle in the area, to spend the weekend with her, after a baseball game. We attended a farewell party for Joe Carruthers and Ed Samis, who were in the Army and leaving to go overseas (World War I).

I belong to a group in St. Albert where Mrs. Giroux directed us in plays and songs for concerts. Dr. Giroux's family were all talented musicians. I am a life-time member of the Old Timers Association, and with others who have reached the age of seventy-five, I received a scroll and gold medallion.

My brother, James, was born on June 2, 1904. We both sang in the church choir at St. Albert and the Cathedral in Edmonton. The Namao boys had a hockey rink on the Sturgeon River near Finley McDonell's house. We used it for skating as well, sometimes. We came to Edmonton where we skated to band music. One night the boys were booked to played hockey in Bon Accord; the temperature was -12F. Mrs. McDonell, fearing for the boys, asked her husband to go to the barn, where

their sons were hitching a team of horses to the bobsleigh, and tell them to stay home. The story goes that Mr. McDonell went to the barn, then back to the house, donned his fur coat and joined the boys. He was an ardent hockey fan. Several of these boys also played baseball with the Sturgeon River Club. Jim and I never missed a dance for miles around. Jim played with Mel Meridith's orchestra in Edmonton and also with a local group. Jim, George Labrie, who played several instruments, and different piano players, Esther Donlevy, Allen Carson, and wee Jimmy Frazer who taught at Namao. Our house on the farm was a meeting place for practice. I always had lunch and coffee for them. I recall one night Jimmy Frazer saying "Well, I guess it is time I got up on the piano stool and kissed Mary good night", Mary, being me at 5'10".

I am a lover of the great outdoors and old Mother Nature in all her beauty. I played baseball with the Namao Ladies when we won the provincial championship, and also was catcher for the Muttart Team in Edmonton. I've played tennis, badminton, golf, and bowled; my only attempt at basketball was foiled. Once at a picnic at Namao, while the men were playing baseball, Vera Carson and I were waiting for Mary Bell to put on her shoes. A baseball bat came flying through the air, hitting me on the head, and then on to Vera. My head was cut and I was out cold. My big disappointment was that I had to miss the barn dance that night at Jim Sutherland's. We played baseball at a picnic in Ponoka, Mr. Steve Samis being our coach. After the dance that night, 21 of us gals took over Mr. Lee Auten's house. I shared a bed with Mrs. Ed Auten, our chaperon, and Vera Carson. We were lucky! Many slept four in a bed.

A group of us spent our weekends at different lakes nearby, fishing and sitting around a bonfire in the evening, singing songs. Jim and George usually had their musical instruments with them. One time at Lac La Nonne we decided to take in a dance in the town hall. I think the local people thought we were just a group of city slickers, until Rita McGregor, who also taught at Namao, and Jim, offered to relieve the orchestra. After a few numbers, we were all A-1. As I sit here, word comes over the news that Mrs. Stewart has been honoured with another award. She is a grand lady and deserves much credit for the work she has done for the handicapped and others. Winnifred was with the group on picnics, when she was in training at the General Hospital in Edmonton. I had

the honour of singing at her wedding. Another in our group was the Honourable Lucien Maynard and his fiancée, Dorothea Murray, who taught at Rose Ridge and boarded with Gordon and Mable Clark. Lou's task was to lead us in singing the song "Alouette". Dolly always went home to Edmonton for the weekend. On her return to Rose Ridge one time, her brother, Bob, brought her to our house, the end of the road for cars that winter. Lucien accompanied her for the balance of the journey on skis.

Jim and I were with the Junior U.F.A. when Mr. Sam Carson was our Member of Parliament. We enjoyed the sleigh rides and card parties.

Jim married Mary Beheils and they had three daughters: Claudette, and twins June and Jean. Walking down the hospital corridor, Jim met a friend and informed him of the twins' birth. The man congratulated him and said, "Great, name them Pat and Mike." "Oh, but", Jim says, "they are not that kind of twins."

Except for a year or so when I worked for a leather goods store in Vancouver, I worked with Jim on the farm. My salary in Vancouver was \$15.00 a week, five of which went for room and board. By today's standards, \$15.00 an hour is considered a low salary. While in Vancouver, I continued my vocal studies under Professor Grsatti, a world famous tenor, who opened a studio in Vancouver, while waiting to get into the U.S.A. I was called home to take care of my parents, who had retired to St. Albert in 1924. My dad passed away in 1934, and mother in 1936. I continued to help Jim until I married John Martin Wilson on January 10, 1938. Jack was born in Liverpool, England, of Scottish parents. He played soccer, owned a bicycle repair shop, worked in a railway office, was on the police force, and served his apprenticeship as an electrician, before coming to Alberta in 1923. Here in Alberta, he mined for gold in the mountains, helped build the highline through the Crow'snest Pass, as well as many telephone lines throughout Alberta and British Columbia. He lost all of his possessions in the fire at the Lake Louise Chateau. When we were first married, we lived in a house by the Sturgeon River, then we moved to Edmonton. Jack worked with the U.S. Aircraft Repair here in the city during World War II, re-wiring planes. He had to go up with the pilot to make sure everything worked okay. Jack started his own company known as Rural Electric, but ended up as foreman for some of the large companies. He worked on the pulp mill at Hinton, Redwater oilfields, etc. When he decided to retire,

Mary Wilson, age 87 years.
February, 1990.



the government wanted him for a couple of weeks at the Parliament Building. The two weeks stretched into two years. When Jack finally retired, we did a bit of travelling. We also had season tickets for the Eskimos football games followed by the Oilers hockey games, which I still enjoy watching. I also have season tickets for the "World Adventure Tours". I get in the odd bridge game, and never miss the turkey supper that the Namao UCW put on every fall.

I still live in the house Jack built (with my help), and am able to take care of myself and drive my car. I have several nieces and nephews throughout Canada and the U.S., but I am the sole survivor of the John Thomas Flynn family.

The following are a few lines I've taken from "My Album of Dreams":

Some day I'll write a poem
of a quaint old fashioned home
A stone beside a rustic stream
where passing folk can sit and dream
of winding trails, a shady nook
Some day — perhaps — I'll write a book.

Note: Mrs. Mary Wilson passed away on February 8, 1990, at the age of 88 years, shortly after she wrote this history.

WILSON, Wil and Donnie

The Wilson family, Wil, Donnie and daughter Janice, had been living in St. Albert since Wil's retirement from the Forces in 1969. He had been a pilot on the Hercules aircraft and joined Pacific Western Airlines upon leaving the military. In 1971 they bought an acre of land from Bud Crozier

in his sub-division of Norancal, overlooking the Sturgeon Valley to the west. They built a home which they moved into in 1972. Many ex-military friends also built in this area.

Donnie and Wil were both from Nova Scotia originally. Wil flew bomber aircraft in World War II, was shot down and made a prisoner of war, but eventually returned home safely. He left the military after the war, but returned to it a few years later. He and Donnie married in 1953 and soon were posted to Claresholm, Alberta. From there they went overseas, where Janice was born in 1959. Upon returning to Canada in '62, they lived in Ottawa, Manitoba and eventually Namao.

Wil retired from P.W.A. (now Canadian Airlines) in 1984. He and Donnie have enjoyed many travelling adventures with friends — from Newfoundland to Europe to the Caribbean, Alaska, the west coast to Florida (and most points in between). They bought a place on the gulf coast of Florida as they had family in the area, and now spend their winters there. Janice is an occupational therapist and works with children at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital. After living a year in Nova Scotia, she and Patrick Hirsche (from Stirling, Alberta, where his parents homesteaded) returned home and now live in the "Namao Homestead".

WOOD, Gary and Lois

by Lois

I, Lois (Clapp) graduated from Victoria Composite High School. The Alberta Motor Association was my first place of employment after graduation. After five years I moved to Workers' Compensation. In the summer of 1970 I met Gary Wood. On October 20, 1973, we were married at Namao. We were very fortunate to be able to set up our mobile home on the Craig (William) homestead, the farm on which I grew up. This "yard" is very unique as Mom and Dad (Doris and Harold Clapp), Janet and Keith Reed, Gwen and Bob Kindelman all live on the original William Craig land.

On November 1, 1975, Lynette Marie was born. She now complemented a yard of three boys and one girl. Michelle Koch and Lynette have shared a special relationship, as two girls keeping the play-time rights with three boys in the yard. Over the years the girls have shared a "sister" type relationship.

Lynette is now completing Grade 9 at Namao School, and anticipating moving on to Sturgeon Composite High School next year.

Gary is working for the Provincial Government, and I am working at Namao School.

At the time of this writing, I look back over the years that the community has filled our lives. The annual turkey supper is a must, as we help to prepare for the evening, as well as serving the guests. Lynette is now taking part in this function as well. The Namao Community Agricultural Society is very busy, as the community works together. It is interesting to see the changes in the community. Many of the younger generation have moved back, and their children are attending Namao School, the same way their parents did. Namao has quite a history, and through the endeavor of this publication, we will see the ongoing changes since the 1968 publication of "Cameo of the West".

ZAYLO, Dennis, Darlene and Jodi

Dennis and Darlene moved to Northpoint in 1976. Their daughter, Jodie, was born in December 1982. Jodie attends school at Namao. At present, Dennis works as an auto body mechanic, and Darlene works in a temporary position with Alberta Agriculture. Dennis has been a member of the Namao Volunteer Fire Department since



Dennis, Darlene and Jodie Zaylo.

1983. Darlene is serving in her second year as secretary of the Namao Community Agricultural Society (1989-90). This is also her second year as a member of the Parent Advisory Committee at the Namao School (1988-89, 1989-90).

ZELMER, Adolf and Marion

by Marion Zelter

On Halloween night, 1983, Adolf and Marion Zelter moved to the North Point subdivision, where the acreage they purchased from the Chase family is located.

At the time of the move to North Point from Edmonton, three of their four children: Shelley, 18; Dale, 13; Jeff, 6; and grandson Gregory, 1 year old, were living at home; Debbie, 19, remained living in Edmonton.

Dale and Jeff began attending school at Namao. Dale graduated from Sturgeon Composite High School in 1988, and plans to make a career of drafting. Although the children were raised in the city, they readily adapted, and enjoy the country, as it is the best of both, being so close to everything.

Debbie married in 1988 and lives in Edmonton with her husband, Tony de Visser, and daughter Chantelle Nicholle. Shelley and Gregory moved to Edmonton in 1988, but all frequent the acreage often.

Adolf has made a career with Local 720 Ironworkers, and is presently working in this field. His dream is to retire on a farm and raise cattle.

Marion joined the work force in 1984 and is presently a realtor with Metro City Realty. Mari-



Back Row, L-R: Marion, Debbie, Shelley and Dale Zelter. Front Row: Adolf, Gregory and Jeff.

on has been a certified ceramic teacher since 1975, and still enjoys the hobby.

Adolf and Marion celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on July 13, 1988.

ZUBIS, Tony and Theresa

Tony, Theresa and Loren, aged two, moved to Northpoint on June 1, 1968.

Mark arrived the same year, followed by Debra in 1969. Kevin joined us in 1975. Loren, Mark and Debra took their schooling at Namao School, and then graduated from Sturgeon Composite High School. Loren and Mark graduated from NAIT as Instrument Technicians. Both are presently employed by AGT. Debra is presently attending NAIT, where she is studying Dental Laboratory Technology. Kevin is presently in Grade 9 at Namao School. Tony worked in the oil fields for a number of years, and is semi-retired. However, at present, he is working as a cabinet maker. Theresa is a homemaker, and enjoys the yard and garden work.

ZUIDEMA, Peter and Ernestine

by Ernestine

Peter Zuidema was born in Utrecht, Holland, where he received his training in baking and business management. In 1957, he immigrated to Canada, taking up residence in Calgary. Already a skillful baker, he readily found work and was soon promoted to bakery manager at Dominion Store.

In 1961, he moved to St. Albert, venturing into his own business, Grandin Bakery Ltd., located

in Grandin Shoppers Park. While in St. Albert, he met his wife, Ernestine Piquette. They were married in 1966.

Ernestine was raised on a farm in St. Vincent, Alberta. She received her first year of teacher's training at Nicolet, P.Q. and later obtained her Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Alberta. After a rather short teaching career, she changed profession to become a full time homemaker with her growing family.

In 1970, lured by the peace and quiet of country living, Peter and Ernestine purchased Jim and Mary Flynn's farm, S.W. 6-55-24 W4, and moved with their young family from St. Albert to Namao.

After 15 years in operation, Peter sold his bakery to become a baking instructor at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, where he is still teaching.

The Zuidemas are actively involved in many aspects of community life. In 1980, Peter was elected to the Sturgeon School Board. He is presently serving his fourth term as school trustee.

Their family consists of three children, who have all attended Namao School and Sturgeon Composite High School. They are now enrolled at the University of Alberta in the following Bachelor's degree programs: Liette in fourth year of Physical Education, Michelle in third year of Science in Speech Pathology and Audiology, and Kevin in first year of Commerce.

Peter and Ernestine are happy to have had the opportunity to raise their family in the Namao area, where they still enjoy living today.



Kevin, Michelle, Peter, Ernestine and Liette, taken in 1984.



Kevin's grade 12 Graduation. Peter, Ernestine, Kevin, Michelle and Liette, taken 1989.

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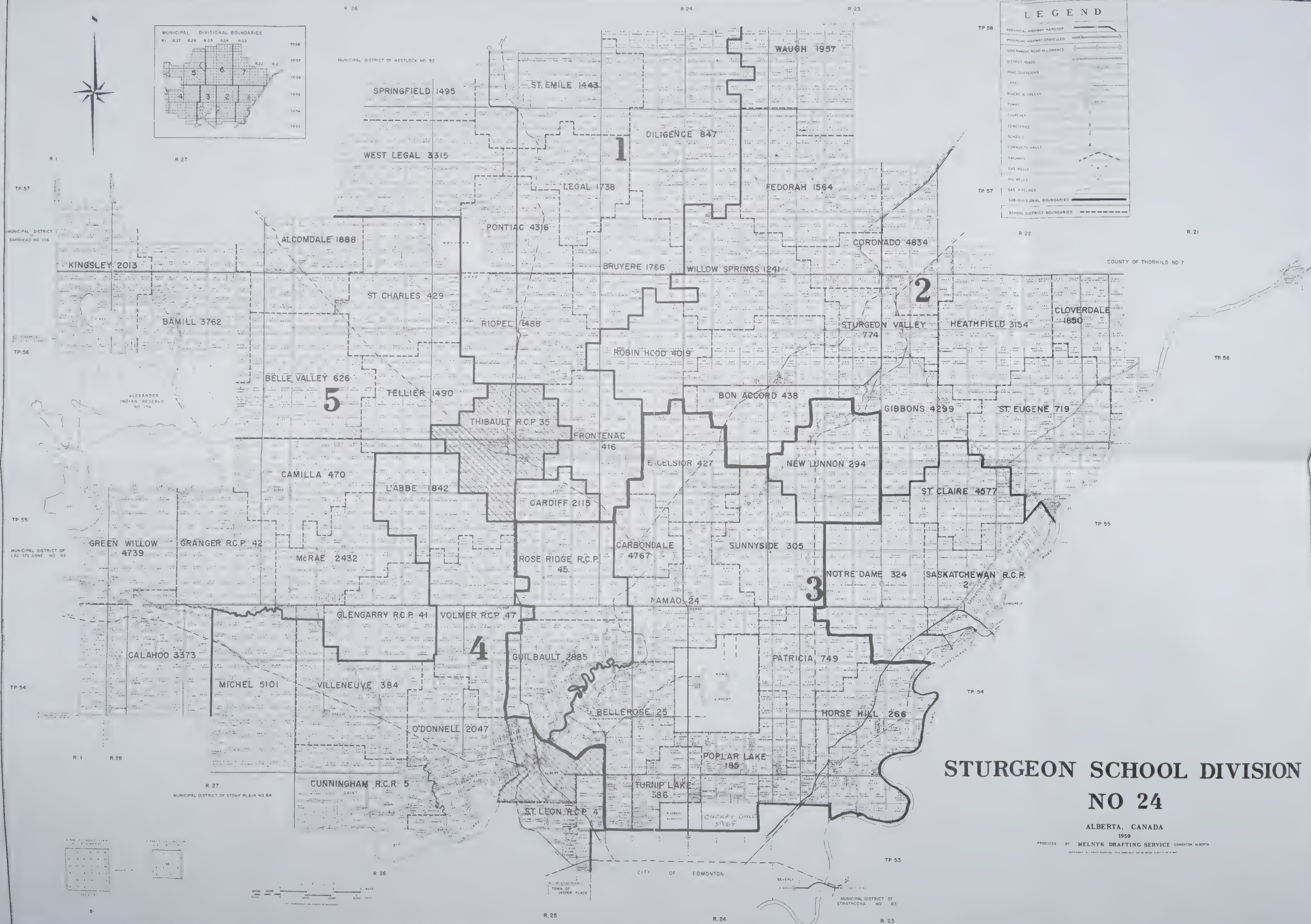
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